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Minutes

of the

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Forty - Sixth Session
1956

FIRST DAY ..... ST. PAUL
SECOND DAY ..... MULL'S CHAPEL
October 18-19, 1956

North Carolina

1957 Session will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 17 - 18)

First Day ..... Abee's Chapel
Second Day ..... Carswell Memorial

Joe Richards will preach Doctrinal Sermon
B. H. Cline will preach Missionary Sermon

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CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendaton of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the Second Sunday of October, unless otherwise odered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the forgoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions, and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) In the interregnum between its regular annual sessions the business of the Association shall be committed to an Executive Board of 10 members chosen carefully by the body with a view to their capacity and interest in the work fostered by the Association, and shall report their proceedings at each Annual Session of the Association.

    (b) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the Wednesday first after the adjournment of the Association of each year, or as near as possible, at which it shall perfect an organization, appointing such committee from its membership as the interest of the work may demand.

    (c) The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the

Board.
(d) The Board shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the work of the year shall be planned and launched; monthly meetings thereafter and special meetings at the call of the chairman.
(e) The Board shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between the annual sessions of the Association.
(f) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

13. The special and standing committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
15. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules Of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the sesion, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Nellie Lowman, J. H. Willis, Lynn Buchanan, Hattie Buchanan, Mrs. Gertrude Barger

Berea—Mrs. Viola Bryant, Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Reece, L. G. Bryant

BEULAH—Arthur Yancey, E. A. Rudisill, Minnie Mull, Hettie Willis

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Walter Berry, J. C. Icard, Russell Pope, Mrs. John Roberts, Mrs. F. M. Smith

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—J. E. Lindsay, Mrs. Catherine Walker, Mrs. Versie Carswell

CORINTH—H. G. McNeilly, Vick Hotle, C. S. Botts, Earl Hastings, Lero Hudson

DROWNING CREEK—Mrs. Charles H. Kirby, Mrs. Frank Barnes, Mrs. Emma Tolbert, Mrs. H. C. Buckner

HENRY RIVER—Lamont Mayes, Mrs. Vance Brittain, Mrs. Carrie Smart, Osco Paker, Harry Parker

HILDEBRAN VIEW—

MIDWAY—Mrs. E. O. Bustle, Mrs. Arney, Miss Huffman, Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Carver, Mr. Thorner

MT. GILEAD—William Parker, Ellis Cook, Tyre Chapman

MT. HEBRON—Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Stroupe, Mrs. Ellis Huffman, Mrs. Kenneth Deacon, Mrs. Vera Stroupe

MT. VERNON—Carmie Houser, D. M. Tallent, Mrs. D. M. Tallent, Mrs. Hazel Houser, M. C. Davis

MT. ZION—Mr. Horace Cook, Mrs. Horace Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Price

MULL'S CHAPEL—Clyde McClurd, Mrs. Cordia Rhoney, Attley Rhoney, Drewell Rhoney, L. W. Rhoney

OAK RIDGE—Mrs. Chavis, Mr. Duckworth, Mrs. John Beach, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. L. C. Carpenter

OLIVE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cook, Mrs. Wilma Johnson, P. M. Deal

PHILADELPHIA—Mrs. Media Franklin, Marston Huffman, Mrs. Lola Buff

PISGAH—Vinie Queen, Mattlee Hoyle, Lizzie Parker, Pauline Deveny, Cordie Hastings

PLEASANT GROVE—Joe Walker, Charlie Martin, Hubert Lindsay, Essie Hudson, Thelma Hudson

ST,JOHN'S—Sammie Huffman, Ruby Huffman, Ruby Hoyle, Seyler Hudson, Isabell Brittain

ST. PAUL—W. L. Blanton, Thurman Davis, Mrs. Lucy White, Mrs. Lizzie Mae Hudson, Delbert Walker

SHOUPE'S GROVE—Joe Richards, Mrs. Joe Richards, Mrs. Grover Evans, Mrs. Will Berry, Ralph Stilwell

SMART'S GROVE—John Abee, Adie Abee, Belle Lail, Will Fredell,

SOUTH FORK—Gordon Crump, Lucille Crump, Addie Burns, Lela Burns, Edna Miller

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Mackie Huffman, Brintie Arrowood, Pearl Lowman, Carleen Beaver, Maggie Cooke

WILKIE'S GROVE—Mrs. Lessie Brittain, Mrs. Alice Wilkie, Mrs. Walter Brittain, Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, Mrs. Edna Herman

ZION HILL—Mrs. Frank Hicks, Marshal Buff, Mrs. Marshal Buff, Aaron Buff, Mrs. Fred Sain

ZOAR—Johnnie Spake, J. G. White, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Luckadoo, Mr. and Mrs. Plato Hull, Mrs. Everett Costner, Mrs. Carl Whitworth

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
Forty-sixth Annual Session
SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

St. Paul and Mull's Chapel Churches
October 18 and 19, 1956

First Day, St. Paul, Morning Session

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m., with the Moderator, J. E. Hoffman, presiding.

2. The congregation was led in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by P. M. Deal.

3. The opening devotional period was conducted by W. L. Blanton from John 3. His topic was "Better Workers for Christ."

4. The Program of the Association was adopted, with such changes as might be necessary to be made by the Association.

5. The Clerk called the roll and gave time for enrollment of messengers.

6. The Executive Committee report was given by Mrs. Frank Hicks as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee has met in two call sessions since the Spring Session of the Association. Each meeting was held after the Sunday School Associational meetings held on the first Sunday. At the first meeting, the Committee selected three names to be submitted to the State Baptist Convention from which one would be chosen by the Convention to represent the Association on the General Board of the Convention. The three names submitted were: B. H. Cline, Earl Konkle and S. M. Stroupe.

The next meeting was for the purpose of discussing last-minute details concerning the annual meeting of the Association. The Associational Missionary instructed the C'erk to mail to each person participating on the program a printed program. Each of these meetings was presided over by the Moderator, J. E. Hoffman.

7. The Sunday School Report was given and spoken to by Paul Crotts as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our goal for this year was one person for every eight, but we did not reach that in the South Mtn. this year.

We received 202 by Baptisms, and 122 by letter in the Churches according to the reports.

During the year twelve monthly meetings were held, with fifty per cent of our Churches attending. The average attendance was 106 present in these meetings. About all of our Sunday Schools had a

gain this year over last year in attendance.

Mrs. Hudson has about $8.00 in the treasury.

We had about fifty per cent of our Churches making monthly reports this year.

Let us as workers pray that more laborers will be sent into the vineyard in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Crotts, Supt.
Mrs. W. M. Hudson, Sec.-Treas.

8. The report on Training Union was given and spoken to by Earl Konkle. Adopted as follows:

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Bible says, "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

The Training Union is the phase of training by which we can study and show ourselves approved unto God. Our work for the past year has been good, but good is not enough. As long as one church in the South Mountain Assoc. is without Taining Union we should not be any ways near satisfied to sit down and say there is nothing else to do

Any Church, any Pastor should remind themselves that a lost world is dependent upon them. If we fail to train ourselves we should be ashamed because we have not carried out the full plan of Jesus. Less than half of our churches have any training to prepare themselves for service in Christ's name. I leave no challenge, I have no plea, but the words from God's own book. "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethern, you have done unto me."

Respectfully Submitted,
E. R. Konkle
Director

9. The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance," led by P. M. Deal.

10. The Vacation Bible School report was given and spoken to by Joe Richards. Adopted as follows:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Vacation Bible Schools are becoming a vital need in our churches today. Many churches through-out our great state have found new life and hope in Vacation Bible Schools. Some of our own churches in South Mountain Association have seen the light that makes our youth light-houses for God. The boys and girls that are trained spiritually and physically in Bible Schools will make the better church members and every day Christians in the Kingdom work.

We express our deepest appreciation to the Connelly Springs Church for her kindness as host to our Clinic this year. To the Associational workers that went to Fruitland and later taught in the Clinic, we owe the success of this year's Vacation Bible School work. It has been a joy to note the fine co-operation in our efforts of promoting Vacation Bible Schools in our Association.

This year we had a record number of schools in our Association. Ninteen Churches have ministered to the needs of our youth this year; but, only ten churches have made reports of their schools. The following facts are based upon the ten Churches that reported. Connelly Springs, Berea and Shoup's Grove had AA schools; Pisgah and Wilkies Grove BB; South Fork CC; Drowning Creek and Mount Hebron had C schools. The churches with the largest enrollment were: Henry River - 148; Pisgah - 134; Wilkie's Grove - 114; Berea - 104; Shoup's Grove - 103. An offering of $128.08 was given through our schools to the Co-operative Program and mission stations. The average cost of our schools was $63.87 which shows that we are becoming more interested in promoting this cause. Money invested in Vacation Bible Schools will be returned with interest as the boys and girls become active workers in our churches and association.

In the coming year let us give our best to the teaching and training of our future leaders. Is it possible to have Vacation Bible Schools in all our churches? Yes, it is a goal that can be reached by prayer and much work on our part.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Richards.

11. The Stewardship and Missions Report was given and spoken to by Berla Zimmerman. Adopted as folows:

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS REPORT

During the Spring Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association, May 19, 1956, I was elected as your Associational Missionary. The past five (5) months have been months of getting acquainted with the churches and with the work needed most by the Association in the realm of the Associational Missionary.

I have visited in fifteen (15) churches. Some many times; others only once. I have supplied for the pastors of two (2) churches a total of 5 Sundays and 2 week day services. I have been fortunate in being able to help in two (2) Vacation Bible Schools. In these five (5) months I have traveled approximately 3400 miles in Associational work One Associational Study Course was conducted with an enrollment of 53

A total of 26 churches contributed to the Cooperative Program $3,049.57. Mount Vernon gave the largest offering with the second largest resident membership.

Respectfully submitted,
B. G. Zimmerman,
Associational Missionary

12. The Business Session was presided over by the Moderator and the following business was transacted:

a. S. M. Stroupe, chairman of Committee on Constitution discussed the Constitution and Amendments.

b. Moderator Hoffman appointed Joe Richards as chairman of Budget Committee and Berla Zimmerman and W. N. Reece to serve with him.

c. Moderator Hoffman appointed the following to serve on Committee on Committees: S. M. Stroupe, Paul Crotts, B. B. Brooks.

d. Time and Place Committee appointed by Hoffman consisted of: Mack Hodge, B. B. Brooks, Ruffin White.

e. Earl Konkle asked that Connelly Springs be written a letter of dismissal from the Association in order that said church may be able to unite with Catawba River Association. Mrs. Frank Hicks, the Clerk, prepared this letter and presented to Mr. Konkle.

f. Congregation was led in singing "I Am Thine O Lord" by P. M. Deal.

g. The following committee was appointed by Mr. Hoffman to serve on Petitionary Committee: J. E. Lindsay, P. M. Deal, Harry Parker.

h. Hymn "Amazing Grace" was sung by congregation, led by P. M. Deal.

13. The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Julius Hildebran. He took his text from St. John 1:1-14 and Genesis 1:1-3.

14. Congregation was led in Singing "Wonderful Words of Life" by P. M. Deal.

15. The host pastor, W. L. Blanton, invited congregation to lunch and morning session was adjourned. A bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all.

Afternoon Session - First Day

16. Congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation," led by P.M. Deal.

17. The devotional period was conducted by B. B. Brooks from Revelation 1, on the theme of Seven Churches."

18. S. M. Stroupe gave a report from Committee on Committees as follows: Doctrinal Sermon - first day - Joe Richards
Missionary Sermon - second day - B. H. Cline

19. Nominating Committee appointed as follows: Jason Stilwell, Newlin Reece and Roy Cook.

20. Resolutions Committee appointed as follows: Mrs. Joe Richards, Mack Hodge and Lamont Mayes.

21. Christian Education Report was given by S. M. Stroupe,adopted and spoken to by Dr. Phil Elliott, Gardner-Webb College. The report was as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Baptist program of Christian Education includes the teaching ministry of the Christian home, the local church with its varied programs, the Baptist schools and colleges supported by the Conventions within the various states, and also our Southwide seminaries.

The ever increasing number of youth in our homes and churches constitute a challenge and a new opportunity for Christian parents. Our children, who want to answer God's call to Christian service, must have our local support.

In our Southern Baptist Convention territory there were enrolled about fifty-five thousand young people during the last college year, in our Baptist schools and colleges.

Here in North Carolina we have seven Baptist colleges and one Seminary. Baptist generally are humbly grateful for these Christian Institutions.

Our Chrisitan institutions in North Carolina are: namely, Wake Forest—now relocated in Winston-Salem, with modern equipment and a well prepared Faculty enabling the College to do the best service in her many years of Christian leadership in North Carolina. Meredith, our other Senior College, is for Women only. This fine College sends out workers to many places where leadership is needed. Our thriving Junior Colleges are: Mars Hill, Wingate, Campbell, Chowan and Gardner-Webb. The last named is close by in actual mileage, and is among the best of our fast growing Junior colleges. We would do well to keep our youth informed as to the advantages this near-by college has to offer.

Our Theological Baptist Seminary, the South Eastern, located on the old Wake Forest college campus, in Wake Forest, North Carolina, is making a very favorable impression upon our entire Southern Baptist Convention. Our youth can receive a Christian Education within the bounds of our beloved North Carolina.

Our state, North Carolina, is second only to Texas in her number of students enrolled in her Baptist colleges.

Our Baptist people must never slacken their efforts to keep step with other Protestant denominations in providing a well-trained Christian leadership for the world.

Our Colleges, all of them, are honestly striving to enlarge their facilities to care for the rapidly increasing numbers of Baptist youth who will be knocking at their doors for admittance in the near future.

We have about five hundred Ministerial students and an additional two hundred and fifty others who are preparing to become ministers of music, diectors of religious education and church secretaries. It is likely that twenty percent of the students enrolled in our seven Colleges are preparing themselves for some full-time church vocation.

Every effort is being made to operate good, accredited colleges at the lowest possible cost, that the door of opportunity may remain open for all our young people. Two things we can do—first, encourage our High School graduates to enroll in one of our seven Baptist colleges and second, provide financial support through our present NINE YEAR PROGRAM OF ADVANCE.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe

22. Zeno Crump gave the report on Religious Literature. It was adopted as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE REPORT

Never has there been an age when printed material was more abundant than it is today. Both religious and secular literature has poured from the American presses in the past year. The printed page continues to influence the lives of the reading public. Whether this influence is good or bad depends upon the choice of literature the reader makes. Far too many professing Christians buy and encourage their families to use the poor trashy books and magazines on today's market.

North Carolina Baptists have at their disposal the finest Biblical and denominatoinal literature available to Christians anywhere. Southern Baptists publish 19 weekly, 11 monthly, and 2 quarterly publications besides the 63 different periodicals which are published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Some of the greatest men and women we have n the Baptist Convention contribute the articles, sermons, lessons, and general information that go into our literature. Frank S. Mead in his book entitled, Handbook of Denominations, has said, "The publishing work of the Southern Baptists is one of the best in Protestanism."

There is no need for Baptist people to be uninformed, uninspired, and unconcerned when we have such great works as the Biblical Recorder, the Charity and Children, The Commission, and The Sunday School Builder. These and the many other great pieces of Baptist literature are tools dedicated to the cause of Christ. Every wise Christian will become a more profitable servant by using these God given helps.

Respectfully submitted,
Zeno E. Crump

23. Lamont Mayes presented the Orphanage Report. It was spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

During the year of 1955 a total of 824 applications for the care of needy children passed over the desk of the General Superintendent. A decision had to be made on each case. 137 of these were admitted to some phase of the orphanage program. To the other 687 the answer had to be "no". However, many of these were accepted for some sort of care by relatives or other agencies.

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina offers four major types of services: (1) Institutional care in Mills Home and Kennedy Home, (2) Mothers Aid to children who remain with their own mothers, (3) Foster Family Care to children who are kept in good Christain families and (4) Family Counseling to families whose children are in the care of the Orphanage.

In 1955 there were 58% more applications sent to the orphanage than in 1950. Thus the need, based on the number of applications, grows greater each year. Last year we cared for a total of 736 children, or 23 more than the year before. The increase was in foster home care and was made possible by an increase in the Thanksgiving Offering.

Last year for the first time the Orphanage received part of its support through the Cooperative Program. About ten per cent of its total income was given through this channel. Most of the Churches continue to place the Orphanage in their budget or else take the Once-A-Month offering through their Sunday Schools. Each church, of course, makes its own decision about this matter. The income from Church budgets, Once-A-Month offerings, and the Cooperative Program is fixed and will be about the same amount each year. Therefore, the only way for the Orphanage to get more money to meet the ever increasing needs for child care is through a greater Thanksgiving Offering.

During the past year a new Church building and a new parsonage have been completed at Kennedy Home. A contract will be let sometime this fall for a new Boy's Cottage and a new swimming pool also at Kennedy Home. These buildings are erected with special gifts or bequests.

Since July 14, 1887, the Baptist Orphanage has published a weekly publication called CHARITY AND CHILDREN. It now goes into more than 51,000 homes and is circulated largely through Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Lamont Mayes

24. The Business Session was held and the following was transacted:

a. J. E. Lindsay presented report from Petitionary Committee. Midway Church was placed under watchcare of Association for one year.

b. Mack Hodge presented report from Time and Place Committee as follows:

Report was adopted.

First Day, Abee's Chapel

Second Day, Carswell Memorial

To be held October 17 and 18, 1957.

25. Hospital Report was given by Earl Konkle and spoken to by Mr. Richard Young of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Abee's Chapel	$50.00	$73.00
Berea	18.42	6.75
Beulah	20.00	11.95
Carswell Memorial	20.00	20.00
Connelly Springs	58.29	46.42
Corinth	22.12	33.51
Drowning Creek	12.22	31.81
Henry River	12.41	15.30
Hildebran View	13.00	10.00
Mt. Gilead		
Mt. Hebron	37.80	33.12
Mt. Vernon	50.00	45.25
Mt. Zion	21.45	10.00
Mulls Chapel	35.00	50.00
Oak Ridge	100.00	112.00
O'ive Grove	50.00	26.51
Philadelphia		15.00
Pisgah	150.00	40.00
Pleasant Grove	32.92	27.46
Shoup's Grove		
Smart's Grove	50.00	50.00
St. John's	81.70	1414.39
St. Paul	61.00	113.54
South Fork	25.00	22.00
Walker's Chapel	24.60	14.40
Wilkie's Grove	45.65	38.55
Zion Hill	24.00	28.82
Zoar	10.00	10.00
TOTALS	$1,025.58	$1,026.78

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Konkle

26. In absence of E. L. McDaniel, no missionary sermon was delivered.

27. The congregation sang "Bringing in the Sheaves", led by P. M. Deal and the Moderator closed the session with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 3 P. M.

SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

Mull's Chapel

1. Moderator Hoffman called the second day of the 46th session to order at 9:30 a. m.

2. Hymn "The Ninety and Nine" was led by P. M. Deal, with the congregation participating.

3. The Clerk made a roll call of the churches. Five churches were not represented at this session.

4. Earl Konkle led in the devotional which was taken from Matthew 11. He spoke on the theme "This is the Christ."

5. Woman's Missionary Report was given by Mrs. Earl Konkle, spoken to and adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

As the days of the past year have multiplied into weeks and the weeks into months, many dreams of the Woman's Missionary Union in the South Mountain Association have become realities. Four (4) new societies have been organized during the year.

Women who are williing to work faithfully and tirelessly that "all of the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto him," should be praised. I want to thank the Presidents of all the societies and counselors of each organization and other workers for their help in improving our work this year. Also my thanks to other Associational workers and to the Pastors of our association for their Co-operation in this work of the W. M. U.

We are happy to report WMS in the following churches. Shoupes Grove - Berea - Drowning Creek - Connelly Springs - Mt. Vernon - Walkers Chapel - Pisgah - Wilkies Grove - Zion Hill - Midway - Henry River and Oak Ridge.

We are grateful for the increase in Societies, members and tithers. May the W. M. U. in the South Mountain Association in the coming years go forward with a greater zeal and geater determination to labor together that all the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord.That this way may be known to all the kingdoms of earth and they will serve the Lord Christ.

Would you resolve in your heart to lengthen and strengthen the W. M. U. in this association to lift up Christ to the world that all nations might serve and adore his name.

Respectfullly submitted,
Mrs. Earl Konkle

6. The Brotherhood Report and Royal Ambassador Report was presented by Delbert Walker. He spoke to his report and the report was adopted as follows:

BROTHERHOOD AND ROYAL AMBASSADOR REPORTS

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood aim is "A Million Men for Christ" One of the most hopeful aims of the Brotherhood is personal soul winning. Another hope of the men is teaching and training the boys through R. A. work, in ages from 9 to 99. To obtain this goal we must all work for Christ.

In 1951 N. C. Baptist Convention accepted the Brotherhood as part of the convention with sixty Brotherhoods. Five years later it has grown to twelve hundred.

Men of the Brotherhood dedicate yourself to Christ for services in years to come. Don't quit in one year, and give place to some one else. Do your bit.

We had six Brotherhoods and gained one new one which makes seven churches with a Brotherhood.

Royal Ambassadors

The Brotherhood will sponser all R. A. chapters by October 1, 1957. 130,000 boys enrol'ed in R. A. 750,000 boys in the S. B. C. 2,000,000 boys in the S. B. C. Sunday School. 25,000 enrolled in R. A. Camps. 80% of the boys in U. S. A. don't belong to any club at all. By 1960 there will be a 60% increase of boys in the R. A. in four years, and only 3% increase in leadership.

Last year we had five R. A. chapters in the Association, lost two by churches leaving and gained one new one.

A boy is not a problem but a priviledge. Do not put them aside. Love them and work with them. Do not give up because they are bad and heed not to what is said for they are our priviledge and part of what good is planted will not be void.For some will be teachers, deacons and pastors in years to come. For boys are not a problem. The worth while organization of the church is the R. A. God, The Master sculptor, is molding men out of boys that seem to be bad. A sculptor may leave his work undone but, God can carve a man out of a boy that we think will never be done. Tomorrow's men are at our elbows in our boys.

Respectfullly submitted,
Delbert Walker

7. In the absence of the Treasurer, Earl Konkle presented Treasurers Report. It was spoken to by Mr. Konkle and adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasure October 1, 1955	$ 151.41
State Checks for missionary work	840.00
Associational collections and checks for missionary work	375.00
Paid out as follows	
Minutes	332.88
Associational Missionary	1,315.00
Clerk	111.48
Balance in treasury October 1, 1956	$ 125.79

Respectfully submitted
Harold D. Smith

8. The State Missions Report was not given due to the absence of the State Missions Representative. Earl Konkle spoke briefly on this phase of the associational work.

9. Home Missions Report was presented by B. H. Cline, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

When Jesus said "Go ye into all the world and make Disciples," His divine mind had pierced the future, down to this very age. For 111 years, the Home Missions Board has been launching a great effort toward carrying out our Master's plan. This has been a year of unprecedented growth and achievment. Special emphasis was placed on evangelism and through the convention-wide Evangelistic Crusade most of the churches were enlisted and gratifying results were obtained. About 25,000 more Baptisms were reported than in any previous year

During 1956 the Home Mission Board is co-operating with State Mission Boards in emphasizing church extension. Through the concerted efforts of all concerned it is hoped that a minimum of 666 inactive churches can be revitalized and that 2,000 new churches may be constituted during the year. Our slogan has been "2,666 in '56."

In seeking to make this world missions emphasis more effective in America, the Home Mission Board is giving special attention in 1957 to its minority groups in the homeland. This is a part of the "Four-year conquest for Christ."

A special emphasis on the ministry to military personnel is included in the program for 1957. Churches are urged to make the largest possible use of the materials and services provided by the Baptist Brotherhood of the south, the Sunday School Board, and the Home Mission Board, and to co-operate in every way possible in this splendid work being done by our Baptist Chaplains in all places of Military Service.

During the past year, the Home Mission Board started 725 missions, constituted 410 new churches, preached 105,426 sermons and addresses, and contacted in personal work 135,957 persons. The 1105 Missionaires and 388 Summer Workers reported 37,475 professions of faith and 39,582 additions to the church.

Mission Board in praising God for all the many blessings he has bestowed upon his people through the efforts of this ministry. In these coming years may we follow the leadership of God and do all we can to get the Gospel to those in our Homeland who do not know our wonderful Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. Cline

10. Foreign Missions Report was given by Mack Hodge. He spoke to his report and it was adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

God is at work in the hearts of Southern Baptists moving toward a vastly enlarged world mission undertaking. This is in keeping with his will and the demands of our day.

The Scriptures clearly teach that each New Testament church has world responsibilities. Making disciples of all nations is not a labor to be undertaken at our option or convenience. It is the mission given to us by our sovereign Lord. Our value to our Master in his redemptive purpose depends upon obedience to his command.

In 1955 there were appointed 104 missionaries. It is our objective to appoint a minimum of 125 in 1956 and succeeding years. That number should be steadily increased as the call of world need is heard.

Many people ask. "Which is needed more--money or missionaries?" The answer is, "Both."

When the Foreign Mission Board has available a dollar for use, there are always several places where it is urgently needed. A decision must be made to meet needs as far as possible knowing that others will be left waiting.

When missionaries are available for appointment, their going to the field is given priority above all other needs.

We believe our first responsibility and best investment in world missions is the sending of highly qualified men and women who have been called of God, dedicated to his task, and filled with compassion for the lost.

This means that missionaries are sent even though other needs are kept waiting. It does not imply that funds are adequate.

The need for funds is indicated by the facts that even with the reinforcement received through the Advance Section of the Cooperative Program at the close of 1955 and the magnificent Lottie Moon Chistmas Offering, we have on the secretaries' desks in Richmond requests amounting to approximately $3,000,000 which cannot be met.

Some may wonder why there are any balances in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board and may feel that urgent needs should be met with funds in hand.

Funds in hands of the Foreign Mission Board are as follows:

Approximately one-third consists of funds left in trust, only the interest of which can be used for any purpose. It would be unthinkable to violate a sacred trust.

One-third of the funds consists of appropriations made and in process of being used. These sums are not available for other needs

because they are already definitely appropriated and are being held in Richmond only until they are called for on the field for use.

Quite obviously funds must be retained in American currency rather than be exchanged into foreign currencies to await the months necessary for purchase of property, building contracts, and other procedures involved in putting them to use. The rate of exchange varies so frequently and widely that it would be disastrous to exchange money into foreign currencies until payments are ready to be made.

One-third of the funds in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board consists of the emergency reserve which is indispensable in view of the realities of inflation, international crisis, and far-reaching commitments involved in a worldwide enterprise.

Each month as the Board meets a statement is in hand showing all funds available for appropriation. With this information before us, needs are met as far as resources can go.

The world mission enterprise can be expanded just as rapidly as additional resources in peronnel and finance are available. These two resources must go hand in hand, and we pray that God may lead Southern Baptists on to greater heights in his enterprise than we have ever imagined possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Mack Hodge

11. W. A. Smith from Kennedy Home spoke about the Orphanage.

12. The Clerk gave a report on the amount of minute money collected and total number of churches contributing. $292 had been collected for minutes at this time and 23 churches had contributed. The Clerk asked that all officers of the Association give their address to her so that a complete record of addresses may be kept by her.

13. Joe Richards read the proposed budget for the Association for 1956-57 and said budget was placed under consideration until Business Session of the Afternoon meeeting.

14. Ralph Berry gave a very inspiring missionary message taken from Matthew 20:18-20, under the topic "Feeding a Hungry World."

15. The host pastor, J. E. Hoffman invited all to lunch; the meeting was closed with prayer. A bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION — SECOND DAY

16. Congregation was led in singing "Footsteps of Jesus" by P. M. Deal.

17. S. M. Stroupe brought the devotional from Psalm 1.

18. In the absence of W. N. Reece, the Moderator appointed B. H. Cline to work with the Nominating Committee.

19. The Moderator discussed the amendments to the Constitution and S. M. Stroupe also spoke to this discussion. Mack Hodge recommended that these amendments be eliminated as well as Art. E in the Constitution. This motion was seconded and passed by the Association

20. Mr. Hoffman called the Vice-Moderator, Ralph Berry, to pre-

side over the remaining proceedings.

21. Temperance and Public Morals Report was given by E. O. Bustle who spoke to his report. The report was adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS REPORT

1 TEMPERANCE:

On the subject of temperance we shall let the Bible speak. The Bible teaches total abstinence from strong drink.

A. (Lev. 10:8-9) The Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, do not drink wine or strong drink.

B. (Num. 6:3) Law of the Nazarites—Thou shalt separate himself from wine and strong drink.

C. (Prov. 23-31) The wise man—Look not upon the wine when it is red.

D. (Prov. 31:4) Rule for Kings—it is not for Kings to drink wine or strong drink.

E. (Dan. 1:8) Daniel said he would not defile himself with the King's wine and meat.

G. (Luke 1:15) John the Baptist—Did not drink wine nor strong drink.

H. (Rom. 14:21) If we love the brethren, we should not drink wine nor do anything whereby he may stumble or be made weak.

2 MORALS:

The duty of self control.

A. (Prov. 16:32) Over his temper, — He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.

B. (Rom. 6:12) Over the Lust of the flesh—Let not sin reign in your mortal bodies, that you should obey it in the lust thereof.

C. (James 3:2) Over the Tongue.—If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man.

Respectfullly submitted,
E. O. Bustle

22. E. E. Hoyle was not present to make the report on the American Bible Society.

23. Home for the Aging Report was given by Sam Proctor. Zeb Caudle of the Home for the Aging spoke to the report. It was adopted as follows:

HOMES FOR AGING REPORT

The Homes are in their sixth, and greatest, year of operation.

Construction of the Administration and Dormitory Building began in February. It should be completed by the end of the year, and ready for occupancy by February 1, 1957.

North Carolina Baptists have good reason to be proud of this new building, which when completed and equipped, will add one-half million dollars to the total value of the Homes. What is more encouraging, there is reason to believe that the total cost of the new buiding

will be paid for by the time it is occupied, if our 3,200 Baptist churches wi l respond with a Special Day offering on the third Sunday of February, 1957.

The added facilities of the new building will make it possible to care for 100 residents—20 at Resthaven, 36 at Albemarle Home, and 44 in the new building. Of this number, less than 10 will be part-time helpers. Moreover, a greater ministry to our aging residents will be possible because of the extra facilities in the new building. Among these will be ample space for craft shops, sun parlors, library, infirmary, and other additional features. In fact, the new building was planned and is being constructed to provide a well rounded program with the most up-to-date facilities.

The Special Day offering this year, to date, is $88,400.03, including personal and corporation gifts. This amount will be increased by churches late in reporting their gifts. It is encouraging to know that the number of churches responding increases each year.

Resthaven and the Albemarle Home have been filled to capacity. When a vacancy occurs, which is rare, there is always a waiting list.

Effort was made in Winston-Salem during June and July to raise $100,000 for the new building. In addition to the money raised, the response on the part of a large number of splendid business men to help with the campaign was most inspiring. The aroused interest in the program of the Homes will bring increasing results for years to come.

There has been a larger number of building memorial gifts. They ranged from $300 to $3,000—$300 to furnish, $1,000 to endow, and $3,000 to pay cost of constructing a room.

A trustee, Mr. Don G. Matthews of Hamilton, gave, in addition to $3,000 to construct a room in the new building, $1,378 to pay cost of excavating a lake on the grounds of the new building.

Your Homes are putting forth their best efforts to render a ministry of security, comfort, congeniality, and Christian love to our residents.

North Carolina Baptists should keep in mind that their special offering and the share of the Nine Year Program received by the Homes help to make this ministry possible to all who come to the Homes, and, especially, to a large number who could not come but for such help.

There are some rooms left to be memorialized. Also a limited number of cottages may be built on the Park Road site, If interested, contact James M. Hayes, general superintendent, N. C. Baptist Homes, Kentucky Avenue, Winston-Salem, N. C.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" (Psalm 71:9).

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Proctor

24. The Minister's Retirement Report was given by Gordon Crump and spoken to by S. M. Stroupe.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT REPORT

(Ministers' Retirement Plan)

At the present we have in North Carolina about seven hundred Ministers in the Retirement Plan out of around twenty-four hundred who are now serving as Pastors in the State. The truth is that every Pastor and all full-time church workers should be in the plan. I think there are many Pastors who intend to enter but just put it off.

While the above is true, we continue to get requests for aid of older Ministers from the Relief Fund. This fund is very small and will continue to be small. They can never possibly meet the needs of the older Ministers who are having to retire from active service from year to year. We therefore urge the Ministers to participate in the Retirement Plan so that there will be assurance of a more adequate amount awaiting when you reach retirement time.

Active Pastors should also participate in the Widow's Supplement Plan which provides a supplement for the widow in the event she outlives her husband.

In the Minister's Plan the Minister pays four per cent (4%) of his salary; the Church pays four per cent (4%); and the Convention pays four per cent (4%). In the Widows Supplement Plan the Minister pays one and one-half per cent (1½%) and the Convention pays one and one-half per cent (1½%).

BENEFITS

To Ministers: (1) A retirement Annuity of fifty per cent (50) of salary upon which payments are made, provided one enters when he begins his Ministry and continues until retirement age . . . (2) A disability benefit of twenty-five per cent (25%) of salary upon which payment has been made . . . the total not to exceed $900.00 per year . . . (3) For those who have Widow's Supplement Annuity . . . twenty (20%) to forty (40%) per cent of salary of the member. After six years of participation . . . the full forty per cent (40%) of "Potential Age Annuity".

To provide protection for a widow . . . a member is not required to pay on the Widow's Supplement Plan after reaching the age of sixty-four; and once he retires, or reaches retirement age, the widow will receive one-half of the amount the member was receiving . . . or entitled to receive . . . at the time of death. Further, a man may retire at age sixty and receive a reduced annuity of 6/10 of one per cent for each month which elapses between such early retirement and age sixty-five.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Crump

25. The Business Session was called to order and the following business was transacted:

a. The Nonminating Committee, represented by Jason Stilwell, made the following report:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator ..... Paul Crotts
Vice Moderator ..... W. N. Reece
Clerk ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Sunday School Supt. & Missionary ..... Berla Zimmerman
Asst. Sunday School Supt. ..... Charles Townsend
Training Union Director ..... Zeno Crump
Asst. Training Union Director ..... Mrs. B. H. Cline
W. M. U. Supt. ..... Mrs. Brintie Arrowood
Asst. W. M. U. Supt. ..... Mrs. Flo Buff
Vacation Bible School Leader ..... Joe Richards
Asst. Vacation Bible School Leader ..... Mrs. Joe Richards
Hospital Representative ..... Julius Hildebran
Orphanage Representative ..... B. H. Cline
Home for Aging Representative ..... E. O. Bustle
Evangelism Representative ..... Mack Hodge
Brotherhood Representative ..... Delbert Walker
Pianist ..... Bentha Cook
Choirist ..... Hubert Lindsay

These officers were unanimously elected.

b. Nominating Committee was voted to be retained for associational year.

c. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Committee for the coming year consist of: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Supt., Training Union Director, W. M. U. Representative, Brotherhood Representative and the member of the Association to be chosen for the General Board for the State Baptist Convention, and Vacation Bible School Representative.

d. Budget was again presented by the Budget Committee and it was adopted as follows:

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1956-57

Missionary Salary	$ 1,680.00	
Clerk Salary	100.00	
Promotion of Organization		
Sunday School	50.00	
Training Union	75.00	
Women's Missionary Union	25.00	
Brotherhood	25.00	
Vacation Bible School	25.00	
Pastor's Conference	25.00	
Material for Missionary	100.00	
Minute Fund	275.00	
Other Items	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		$ 2,480.00
RECEIPTS:		
FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Baptist State Convention	$ 840.00	
Returns from Minutes	275.00	
Offerings	100.00	
TOTAL FROM OTHER SOURCES	$ 1,215.00	
Balance for Churches to give	1,265.00	
TOTAL INCOME		$ 2,480.00

It is suggested that the Churches set aside $ .60 per resident member for the support of the Association Budget.

e. The Clerk was instructed to have the Associational Missionary to send each church a copy of the Proposed Budget for 1956-57.

26. The Memorial Service was presented by Jason Stilwell. He spoke from Psalm 116.

27. Mrs. Joe Richards presented the following report from the Resolutions Committee:

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved, that we, the officers, messengers and visitors to the 46th Annual Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association,

express to the pastors and members of the St. Paul Baptist Church and the Mulls Chapel Baptist Church, our sincere appreciation to them for their hearty welcome, their considerations and courtesies, and for the bountiful meals which they have so graciously provided for us.

Also to each and every person who has so graciously taken part on the program and brought to us information and inspiration, we offer our heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joe Richards
Rev. Mack Hodge
Rev. Lamont Mayes

28. Jason Stilwell spoke in appreciation of the fine service rendered by the retiring Moderator, J. E. Hoffman.

29. Mr. Hoffman presented the gavel to Paul Crotts, the incoming Moderator.

30. The session was closed with prayer and the 46th session of the South Mountain Association was adjourned.

SPRING SESSION

May 19, 1956

MT. HEBRON

1. The session was called to order by Moderator J. E. Hoffman at 4 p. m.

2. The congregation sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" led by Coleman Upton.

3. Earl Konkle conducted devotional, taking his text from 1 John 3 and Ephesians 4.

4. The roll call was made by the Clerk, Mrs. Frank Hicks, and she also reported on meetings of the Executive Committee since the annual session of the Association.

5. Report on Associational Missions was given by Paul Crotts and adopted.

6. W. M. U. Report was given by Mrs. Earl Konkle and adopted.

7. C. R. Upton gave the Orphanage Report and it was adopted.

8. The V. B. S. Report was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richards, adopted.

9. Jason Stilwell gave the Evangelism Report. It was adopted.

10. Closing prayer was offered by Ralph Berry and the session adjourned for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION

11. The congregation was led in singing "Follow On", by C. R. Upton.

12. Berla Zimmerman gave the devotional, taken from Acts 4.

13. In the business session, Berla Zimmerman was elected to serve as Associational Missionary and the clerk was asked to write each church of this move.

14. The following committee was elected to serve on mission work: J. E. Hoffman, Ralph Berry and Paul Crotts.

15. B. H. Cline volunteered to serve as R. A. Counsellor.

16. The Sunday School Report was given by B. H. Cline and adopted.

17. B. G. Henry, dean of Fruitland brought an inspiring message and session was adjourned after prayer.

MINUTE FUND

Abee's Chapel	15.00	Oak Ridge	20.00
Berea	12.00	Olive Grove	13.50
Beulah	10.00	Pleasant Grove	8.00
Connelly Springs	15.00	Philadelphia	5.00
Corinth	10.00	Pisgah	15.00
Carswell Memorial	10.00	Shoupe's Grove	10.00
Drowning Creek	5.00	Smart's Grove	10.00
Henry River	15.00	South Fork	15.00
Mt. Gilead	4.00	St. Paul	14.00
Mt. Hebron	15.00	St. John's	10.00
Mt. Vernon	35.00	Walker's Chapel	10.00
Mt. Zion	8.50	Wilkie's Grove	20.00
Midway	5.00	Zion Hill	10.00
Mull's Chapel	15.00	Zoar	6.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN ASSOCIATION

Ralph Abee	R-1, Connelly Springs
D. E. Newton	Harris
Osco Parker	R-4, Hickory
Ottas Cook	R-1, Casar
Berla Zimmerman	328 13th Ave., N.W., Hickory
Seth Ivester	R-3, Lawndale
Johnnie Spake	R-1, Casar

LICENSED MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION

Tarp Buchanan	Hildebran
Bobby Page	Hildebran
Norris Brittian	Connelly Springs

Levi Fredell ..... Connelly Springs
John Abee ..... Connelly Springs
W. L. Person ..... Connelly Springs
James Belle ..... Connelly Springs
Jinks Brittian ..... Connelly Springs
Junior Dale ..... R-1, Casar

MUSICAL DIRECTORS OR LEADERS

Abee's Chapel ..... William Lambert, Valdese
Berea ..... Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Beulah ..... Edgar Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial ..... C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton
Connelly Springs ..... Mrs. Geneva Hiergeseil, Valdese
Corinth ..... Brenda Kay McNeilly, R-1, Casar
Drowning Creek ..... Roy Speagle, 86-16th St., S.E., Hickory
Henry River ..... John E. Young, Hildebran
Hildebran View .....
Midway ..... Mrs. Mae Rhoney, R-2, Connelly Springs
Mt. Gilead ..... Mrs. Bunn Lane, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon ..... Omar Hoyle, R-1, Vale
Mt. Zion .....
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Rostan St., Valdese
Oak Ridge ..... Jimmy Baker, R-5, Hickory
Olive Grove ..... Grier Scism, Morganton
Philadelphia ..... Mrs. Edna Kiser, R-1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar
Pleasant Grove ..... Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton
Shoupe's Grove ..... Mrs. Eugene Houston, Icard
Smart's Grove ..... Bessie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs
South Fork ..... Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Hildebran
St. John's ..... Mamie McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul ..... Claude Crotts, R-1, Casar
Walker's Chapel ..... Faye Huffman, R-4, Morganton
Wilkie's Grove ..... Margaret Young, R-4, Hickory
Zion Hill ..... Fred Sain, R-3, Lawndale
Zoar ..... Mrs. L. J. Wright, Casar

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

Abee's Chapel ..... Gail Lowman, Box 27, Valdese
Berea ..... Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Beulah ..... Evelyn Hoyle, R-3, Vale
Carswell Memorial ..... Celia Carswell, R-4, Morganton
Connelly Springs ..... Mrs. Paul Tutherow, Connelly Springs
Corinth ..... Eloise McNeilly, R-1, Casar
Drowning Creek ..... Mrs. C. H. Kirby, R-5, Hickory
Henry River ..... Francis Lowman, R-4, Hickory
Hildebran View .....
Midway ..... Georgia Bustle, R-2, Connelly Springs
Mt. Gilead ..... Mary Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. Richard Bradshaw, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon ..... Brenda Heavner, R-3, Vale
Mt Zion .....
Mull's Chapel ..... Evelyn Hudson, R-3, Vale
Oak Ridge ..... Hilda Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove ..... Wilmo Johnson, Shelby
Philadelphia ..... Patsy Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah ..... Nell Canipe, R-1, Casar
Pleasant Grove ..... Mrs. Eva Williams, R-4, Morganton
Shoupe's Grove ..... Mrs. L. L. Childers, R-2, Connelly Springs
Smart's Grove ..... Elizabeth Lail, R-1, Valdese
South Fork ..... Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Hildebran
St. John's ..... Hazel Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul ..... Bentha Cook, R-1, Casar
Walker's Chapel ..... Jerlene Cook, R-1, Valdese
Wilkie's Grove ..... Bonnie Paige, R-4, Hickory
Zion Hill ..... Juanita Ramsey, R-1, Connelly Springs
Zoar ..... Mat Costner, Casar

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Mt. Hebron ..... Lorena Taylor—Missionary Student Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa
Mt. Zion ..... Hudean Price, Clemson College
Pisgah ..... B. H. Cline, Lenoir Rhyne College
St. Paul ..... Edsel Mull, Gardner-Webb College

Our Beloved Dead

Those Who Have Answered the Roll Call Since

September 30, 1955

Abee's Chapel—Theodore Lowman

Beulah—Fred Craig

Henry River—Mides Greenhill

Mt. Gilead—Forest Chapman, Pink Chapman, Mrs. Martha Lail

Oak Ridge—Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. Ed Barnes

Olive Grove—Sidney Cook

Pisgah—Mrs. Caleb Costner, Julius McNeely

Smart's Grove—Robert Lee Moses

St. Paul—Wesley Cook, Mrs. Ala Davis, Joe Bivens, Luther Hastings, Robert Davis, Johnnie Lester Cooke

Walker's Chapel—Mrs. Rena Huffman, Fonzo Shoupe

Wilkie's Grove—Mrs. Emaline Hudson

Zion Hill—Mrs. Gazzie Stamey, Etta Chapman

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP-

Association South Mountain State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September 30, 1956 19

Clerk Mrs. Frank Hicks Address Route 3, Lawndale, N. C.

Moderator Rev. Paul Crotts Address Route 3, Vale, N. C.

	CHURCHES	1 Location Rural V-T-C	2 Date Organized	3 Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	GAINS 4 Baptisms	GAINS 5 Letters and Other Additions	LOSSES 6 Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	TOTAL 7 Total Resident Members	TOTAL 7A Total Non-resident Members	TOTAL 8 Grand Total Present Members	TOTAL 9 Number Baptized	10 Associational Meetings Held	SPECIAL INFORMATION 11 Number Tithers	11A Church Have Budget?	11B Every Member Canvass	12 Some Paper in Budget	13 Organized by Church	14 Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)	
1	Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2,4	Mack Hodge, Bakersville, N. C.	7	15	3	---	--	152	0	1	52	no	--	--	0	1925	1
2	Beron	Rural	1947	4	W. N. Reece, R-3, Box 146-A Morganton, N. C.	2	12	8	59	38	97	0	1	26	yes	no	no	0	2600	2
3	Beulah	R	--	--	----------	--	2	6	--	--	123	---	1	7	no	no	no	0	1690	3
4	Carswell Memorial	R	1938	2,4	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	0	3	3	62	6-	68	---	1	6	yes	--	--	0	450	4
5	Connelly Springs	V	1899	4	Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs	6	2	3	141	49	190	0	1	40	yes	yes	yes	0	3380	5
6	Corinth	R	1884	1,3	George Lynch, R-1, Mill Springs	6	2	7	86	77	163	0	2	8	no	no	--	0	1170	6
7	Drowning Creek	R	1952	4	Joe Grier, R-2 Box 114, Granite Falls	7	12	10	99	14	113	0	2	29	no	no	no	0	1200	7
8	Henry River	V	1940	4	Lamont Hayes, Jr., Hildebran	7	2	7	175	35	210	0	1	--	no	no	no	0	3445	8
9	Hildebran View	R	---	--	----------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	--	--	-----	9
10	Midway	R	1956	4	E. O. Bustle, R-2, Connelly Springs	16	27	0	43	0	43	0	1	10	no	no	no	0	------	10
11	Mount Gilead	R	1888	1,3	Virgil Glover, R-1, Casar	2	--	8	65	57	122	0	1	15	--	--	--	0	225	11
12	Mount Hebron	R	----	4	S. M. Stroup, R-1, Connely Springs	3	5	1	121	42	163	0	2	35	yes	no	no	0	2200	12
13	Mount Vernon	R	1840	4	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	3	4	5	180	62	242	0	1	--	no	no	no	0	3120	13
14	Mount Zion	R	1848	4	----------	3	2	8	88	79	167	0	2	---	yes	no	--	0	600	14
15	Mull's Chapel	R	1871	2,4	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	2	0	3	62	50	112	0	1	9	no	no	no	0	1000	15
16	Oak Ridge	R	1943	4	Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	12	9	5	151	51	202	0	1	66	yes	yes	--	0	3120	16
17	Olive Grove	R	1884	4	Ray Caldwell, R-3, Lincolnton	5	5	4	163	73	236	0	2	2	no	no	no	0	960	17
18	Philadelphia	R	1946	1,3	C. C. Reece, Box 792, China Grove	0	0	0	45	10	55	0	1	4	--	--	--	0	-----	18
19	Pisgah	R	1840	4	Bill H. Cline, R-1, Casar	18	5	5	141	24	165	0	2	34	yes	no	no	0	2880	19
20	Pleasant Grove	R	1876	1,3	----------	--	4	1	82	21	103	0	2	2	no	no	no	0	630	20
21	St. John's	R	1842	4	Jason Stilwell, R-4, Hickory	3	2	1	72	16	88	0	2	---	--	---	---	0	360	21
22	St. Paul	R	1842	1,2,3	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	16	5	16	--	---	486	0	2	24	no	no	no	0	1350	22
23	Shoupe's Grove	R	1892	4	Joe Richards, Icard	20	13	9	165	48	213	0	2	28	yes	no	no	0	2625	23
24	Smart's Grove	R	1935	4	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	6	7	1	86	11	97	0	3	3	no	no	no	0	1320	24
25	South Fork	R	1937	4	Gordon Crump, R-4, Hickory	4	3	16	90	0	90	0	2	19	no	no	no	0	2600	25
26	Walker's Chapel	R	1915	4	Floyd Beaver, Lincolnton	10	--	2	102	25	127	0	2	6	no	no	no	0	-----	26
27	Wilkie's Grove	R	1894	4	Zeno Crump, R-2, Connelly Springs	9	6	1	---	---	170	0	1	12	yes	no	--	0	867	27
28	Zion Hill	R	1859	4	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	16	2	5	175	66	241	0	2	30	yes	no	no	0	1400	28
29	Zoar	R	1937	1,3	Marshall Black, Crouse	4	--	--	--	--	80	0	2	0	no	no	no	0	360	29
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Table B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Associational Superintendent Berla Zimmerman Address Hickory, N. C. 328-13th Ave. N.W.

	CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT 15 Cradle Roll	16 Nursery	17 Beginners	18 Primaries	19 Juniors	20 Intermediates	21 Young People Single	21A Young People Married	22 Adults	23 Extension Department	24 Officers Not Counted Classes And Departments	25 Mission Sunday School Enrolment	26 Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	27 Average Attendance	28 Vacation Bible School Enrolment	29 Average Attendance V.B.S.	30 January Bible Study	31 Number Training Schools	
1	Abee's Chapel	G.W. Abee, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	16	24	23	24	24	17	25	50	0	2	0	205	150	80	75	no	0	1
2	Bereaa	Charlie Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs	6	20	11	19	19	19	30	0	36	8	0	0	169	110	104	98	yes	1	2
3	Bealah	Edgar Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	0	22	25	25	23	26	0	31	0	0	0	166	70	95	72	no	0	3
4	Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsay, R-4, Morganton	0	0	7	0	8	10	6	0	22	0	0	0	53	38	0	0	no	0	4
5	Connelly Springs	Harold Smith, Box 453, Rutherford College	0	11	14	18	31	23	10	0	63	15	3	0	188	123	96	91	yes	0	5
6	Corinth	A. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar	0	0	21	9	23	22	13	0	50	0	0	0	138	105	65	51	no	0	6
7	Drowning Creek	Roy Tucker, Box 225, Rhodhiss	0	11	12	8	16	18	13	0	26	0	0	0	104	72	94	76	yes	0	7
8	Henry River	Clinton Lowman, RO4, Box 870, Hickory	0	13	37	37	45	26	14	59	34	0	0	0	265	111	148	123	no	0	8
9	Hildebran View	----------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9
10	Midway	Lex Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs	0	0	10	15	15	15	0	0	40	0	0	0	95	52	0	0	no	0	10
11	Mount Gilead	Mrs. Mary Lou Mull, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	0	0	20	0	18	12	12	0	13	0	0	0	75	52	0	0	no	0	11
12	Mount Hebron	Roy Cook, R-4, Morganton	0	10	11	14	28	25	15	20	32	0	3	0	177	100	62	55	yes	1	12
13	Mount Vernon	Blair Wesson, R-2, Vale	5	18	18	16	25	16	17	38	69	0	3	0	255	132	114	90	no	0	13
14	Mount Zion	Glenn Parker, Box 37, Casar	0	0	34	20	14	11	11	9	48	0	0	0	147	88	85	77	no	0	14
15	Mull's Chapel	Drewell Rhoney, R-4, Hickory	0	0	8	12	9	18	3	21	16	0	6	0	93	61	46	42	no	0	15
16	Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	1	16	12	15	37	24	26	66	53	12	4	0	266	156	69	57	yes	1	16
17	Olive Grove	William Walker, R-1, Casar	0	0	15	0	14	38	22	0	20	0	0	0	128	109	0	0	no	0	17
18	Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R01, Box 288, Connelly Spgs.	0	5	0	8	9	0	28	0	9	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	no	0	18
19	Pisgah	J. C. Buff, Casar	0	0	33	11	23	12	23	26	38	0	5	0	172	114	133	113	yes	1	19
20	Pleasant Grove	Santas Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	0	20	20	19	12	14	0	40	0	0	0	125	100	0	0	no	0	20
21	St. John's	Ivey Brittain, Valdese	0	0	22	19	11	10	12	20	29	0	0	0	123	85	0	0	no	0	21
22	St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Casar	0	3	31	23	49	40	15	24	118	0	5	0	308	180	212	193	no	0	22
23	Shoupe's Grove	Grady Propst, Hildebran	0	20	16	34	35	38	23	0	66	0	5	0	237	148	102	88	yes	1	23
24	Smart's Grover	R. E. Moses, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	7	14	9	14	0	27	0	50	0	4	0	125	110	0	0	no	0	24
25	South Fork	Eugene Propst, R-4, Hickory	0	0	26	14	17	15	0	18	36	0	1	0	129	93	87	80	no	0	25
26	Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, R-4, Morganton	0	0	18	11	23	34	6	28	39	0	0	0	153	105	78	69	no	0	26
27	Wilkie's Grove	Everett Wright, R-4, Hickory	0	0	23	19	16	25	17	79	0	0	3	0	182	119	102	99	no	0	27
28	Zion Hill	W.M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	0	31	32	17	37	29	0	89	0	2	0	242	167	89	70	yes	1	28
29	Zoar	J. C. White, R-1, Casar	0	0	0	18	9	5	12	0	26	0	0	0	73	55	0	0	no	0	29
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Associational Director Zeno Crump Address R-2, Connelly Springs

	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT 32 Nursery	33 Beginners	34 Primaries	35 Juniors	36 Intermediates	37 Young People	38 Adults	39 Mission Enrolment	40 General Officers Enrolled	41 Grand Total Enrolled	42 Average Attendance	
1	Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs	11	9	11	13	15	12	33 2	0	1	105	68	1
2	Connelly Springs	Mrs. Avis Roberts, Connelly Springs	0	0	7	9	0	3	12	0	2	33	24	2
3	Drowning Creek	Gaither Parson, 3771 Main Ave., N. W. Hickory	0	8	5	12	23	10	18	15	6	97	65	3
4	Henry River	Vance Brittain, Ickard	7	0	12	17	18	0	32 2	0	3	89	52	4
5	Midway	William Martin, Hildebran	0	3	12	6	10	0	10	0	1	42	----	5
6	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Harold Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	0	0	2	6	12	0	7	0	1	29	25	6
7	Oak Ridge	Hilda Beach R-1, Connelly Springs	0	6	8	9	9	28	7	0	1	68	59	7
8	Pisgah	Gene Canipe, R-1, Casar	0	7	9	12	10	9	22 1	0	3	72	54	8
9	Shoupe's Grove	Clyde Houston, Ickard	1	6	12	16	9	17	17 1	0	2	80	67	9
10	South Fork	Leonard Greenhill, Hildebran	0	16	0	9	15	14	12	0	1	67	45	10
11	Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, R-3, Lawndale	0	5	0	8	14	9	13	0	0	49	34	11
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TABLE D WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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Associational President Mrs. Brintie Arrowood Address R-4, Morganton

	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	43a W.M.S. Units	44a Y.W.A. Units	45a G.A. Units	46a Sunbeam Units	47a Total Units	43B W.M.S. Enrolled	44B Y.W.A. Enrolled	45B G.A. Enrolled	46B Sunbeam Enrolled	47B Total Enrolled	48 Total Tithers All Organizations	
1	Berea	Mrs. Paul Robinson, R-1, Box 10, Connelly Springs	1		1		2	11		14		25	10	1
2														2
3	Connelly Springs	Mrs. Harold Smith, Box 453, Rutherford College	1	1		1	3	22	6		10	38	22	3
4														4
5	Drowning Creek	Mrs. C. H. Kirby, Box 220, R-5, Hickory	1				1	15				15	10	5
6	Henry River	Mrs. Vance Brittain, Ickard	1		2		3	15		24		39	--	6
7	Midway	Mrs. E. O. Bustle, R-2, Connelly Springs	1				1	15				15	--	7
8	Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	1		2	1	4	28		18	10	56	--	8
9	Oak Ridge	Mrs. JoAnn Stilwell, R-2, Connelly Springs	1	1	1	1	4	17	14	12	19	62	19	9
10	Pisgah	Mrs. Dock Hastings, R-1, Casar	1		1	1	3	22		26	30	78	--	10
11	St. Paul	Mrs. Lussie Willis, R-3, Lawndale	1	1	1	1	4	15	8	11	12	46	7	11
12	Shoupe's Grove	Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	1				1	19				19	10	12
13	Walker's Chapel	Carleen Beaver, Lincolnton	1				1	12				12	2	13
14	Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Charlie Young, R-4, Hickory	1				1	12				12	12	14
15	Zion Hill	Mrs. W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	1				1	20				20	--	15
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Associationol Brotherhood President Delbert Walker Address Box 13, Fallston

	CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses	Chrm. Royal Ambassador Co. and Addresses	49B Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	50B Young Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	51A No. Junior R. A. Chapters	51B Junior R. A Enrolment	52A No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	52B Intermediate R A Enrolment	53B Total Brotherhood Enrolment	
1	Connelly Springs	----------	----------			1	7			7	1
2	Midway	Claude Carver, Box 511, Hildebran		8						8	2
3	Oak Ridge	Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs		25		1	19			45	3
4	Pisgah	Robert Beam, Casar		9		1	20			29	4
5	St. Paul	Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston		10		1	15			25	5
6	Shoupe's Grove	Eugene Houston, Icard		29						29	6
7	Walker's Chapel	Albert Wellman, R-4, Morganton		9						9	7
8	Wilkie's Grove	Carliss Young, R-2, Hickory		8						8	8
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Associational Missionary Berla Zimmerman Address 328-13th Ave. N. W., Hickory

	CHURCHES	CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	CHURCH MUSIC 54 Number Choirs	55 Total Choir Enrolment	56 Total Music Budget (excluding salaries)	57 Use Church Musician Magazine	58 Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium	LIBRARY 59 Does your church have a library?	BUILDING 60 Value Pastor's Home	61 Value of Church Property including Pastor's Home	62 Money Spent on New Construction, Property, and Equipment	63 Total Church Debt at End of Year	GOALS 64 Cooperative Program, Total Budget	% of	65 Association Mission Goal Coming Year	
1	Abee's Chapel	William Lambert, Valdese	2	---	---	no	Broadman	no	---	----	----	----	---	---	---	1
2	Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	2	35	---	--	Broadman	no	---	6,000	1250	0	336	134		2
3	Beulah	Edgar Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	2	25	---	--	Broadman	no	---	15,000	325	----	---	---		3
4	Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton	1	20	---	--	---------	--	---	8,000	----	----	---	---		4
5	Connelly Springs	Mrs. Geneva Hiergesell, Valdese	2	30	---	yes	Baptist	no	5,000	50,000	----	12,161	10%	150		5
6	Corinth	Brenda Kay McNeilly, R-1, Casar	--	--	---	--	Broadman	no	----	13,000	---	----	--	---		6
7	Drowning	Roy Speagle, 86-16th St., S.E., Hickory	2	20	0	no	Broadman	no	0	8,500	3,500	490	--	60.		7
8	Henry River	John E. Young, Hildebran	-	--	---	no	Modern	yes	6,814	31,302	----	1,276	--	---		8
9	Hildebran View	----------	-	--	---	--	---------	---	-----	----	----	----	--	---		9
10	Midway	Mrs. Mae Rhoney, R-2, Connelly Springs	2	30	0	no	Broadman	no	0	15,000	0	6,500	--	no		10
11	Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, Rt. 1, Box 200, Connelly Spgs.	-	--	--	--	----------	--	----	----	----	---	--	---		11
12	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs	-	--	---	--	----------	--	----	----	----	---	--	---		12
13	Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, R-1, Vale	1	25	---	no	Broadman	no	10,000	30,000	920	---	10%	60.		13
14	Mt. Zion	----------	-	--	---	--	---------	--	----	----	----	---	---	---		14
15	Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Roston St., Valdese	2	35	0	no	Modern	no	0	30,000	197.	3,971	0	60.		15
16	Oak Ridge	Jimmy Baker, R-5, Hikcory	2	32	0	no	Broadman	no	0	48,375	6,300	0	374.	60.		16
17	Olive Grove	Grier Scism, Morganton	-	--	---	--	---------	no	------	8,000	----	---	---	---		17
18	Philadelphia	Mrs. Edna Kiser, R-1, Connelly Springs	-	--	---	--	----------	no	-----	7,000	----	---	---	---		18
19	Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	1	20	---	--	Broadman	--	8,000	25,000	----	---	---	---		19
20	Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton	2	50	---	no	Favorite Songs	no	0	6,000	1,097	0	---	---		20
21	St. John's	Miss Mamie McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs	-	--	---	--	----------	no	-----	6,000	----	----	---	---		21
22	St. Paul	Claude Grotts, R-1, Casar	1	60	---	no	----------	no	0	34,500	2,500	---	---	---		22
23	Shoupe's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Icard	3	--	---	no	Broadman	no	7,000	22,000	1,260	7,702	15%	75.		23
24	Smart's Grove	Bessie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs	-	--	---	--	----------	no	5,000	-----	----	---	---	---		24
25	South Fork	Miss Clara Propst, Hildebran	1	3.	---	no	Broadman	--	4,000	10,000	3,055	1,949	---	60.		25
26	Walker's Chapel	Miss Faye Huffman, R-4, Box 301, Morganton	1	26	---	no	Broadman	no	-----	8,000	----	----	---	---		26
27	Wilkie's Grove	Margaret Young, R-4, Hickory	1	20	---	--	Broadman	no	-----	30,000	----	4,000	---	---		27
28	Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-3, Lawndale	1	--	---	no	Broadman	no	-----	----	----	0	---	---		28
29	Zoar	Mrs. L. J. Wright, Casar	-	15	---	--	---------	--	----	15,000	---	1,175	---	---		29
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Associational Treasurer Mrs. Betty Sue Berry Address R-2, Connelly Spgs.

	CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	66 Total Gifts for All Purposes	67 Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	68 Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	69 New Buildings and Equipment	70 Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	71 Local Missions and Benevolences	72 Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	73 Payment on Church Debt	74 Other Local Expenses	75 Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	76 Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	77 Grand Total Local Expense	
1	Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese		575	155	---	155	140	536	13,563	---	15,124	1925	17,049	1
2	Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Box 11, Connelly Springs		120	44	1350	269	140	450	----	454	2,827	1890	4,717	2
3	Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, Hickory		120	288	---	100	---	73	----	182	648	1400	2,048	3
4	Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C.R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton		37	218	---	67	---	89	----	60	470	455	925	4
5	Connelly Springs	Mrs. Daisy Lester, R-2, Connelly Springs		240	1510	---	610	181	135	1,900	303	4,879	3380	8,259	5
6	Corinth	Earl Hastings, R-1, Casar		---	1509	---	127	150	183	----	72	2,040	1170	3,210	6
7	Drowning Creek	Frank Barnes, R-5, Hickory		241	1846	790	286	---	220	0	0	3,099	1200	4,299	7
8	Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory		260	411	375	234	403	200	900	535	3,318	3445	6,763	8
9	Midway	Hershel Freeman, Hildebran		958	16	294	163	0	50	0	2135	2,135	67	2,135	9
10	Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, R-1, Connelly Springs		---	--	1050	28	---	20	----	---	1,098	225	1,323	10
11	Mt. Hebron	Harold Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs		140	360	----	199	96	165	2,200	170	3,331	2200	5,531	11
12	Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale		371	231	689	316	73	443	000	156	2,279	1380	3,659	12
13	Mt. Zion	Virginia Price, R-1, Casar		120	0	0	135	45	192	----	70	553	600	1,153	13
14	Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, Hickory		0	104	---	86	56	140	1,680	80	2,146	1000	3,146	14
15	Oak Ridge	Mrs. Peggy Sherrill, Connelly Spgs.		373	136	6300	317	244	120	----	1074	7,565	3120	10,685	15
16	Olive Grove	Cleveland Cook, R-1, Casar		96	37	---	180	---	280	----	---	594	960	1,554	16
17	Philadelphia	Billie E. Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs		60	245	---	57	---	133	----	---	495	211	706	17
18	Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar		285	812	27	457	980	100	1,350	468	4,476	2654	7,130	18
19	Pleasant Grove	James Martin, R-1, Connelly Spgs.		257	49	1097	70	---	160	---	206	1,838	630	2,468	19
20	St. John's	Glen Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Spgs.		215	939	---	96	---	220	---	120	1,589	1255	2,844	20
21	St. Paul	Alvin Cook, R-1, Lawndale		220	1005	---	495	795	182	1,620	65	4,382	1567	5,949	21
22	Shoupe's Grove	Garland Seagle, R-2, Connelly Springs		157	373	322	425	259	180	1,260	382	3,457	2825	6,282	22
23	Smart's Grove	Mrs. Belle Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs		---	194	---	52	---	392	---	385	1,043	1320	2,363	23
24	South Fork	Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, R-4, Hickory		144	45	3055	154	234	200	90	130	3,952	2640	6,592	24
25	Walker's Chapel	Tessie Wellman, R-4, Morganton		120	44	---	78	490	402	---	401	1,535	1354	2,889	25
26	Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edith Martin, Hickory		---	447	269	162	95	266	1,296	44	2,507	887	3,465	26
27	Zion Hill	Mrs. Harlan Smith, R-4, Morganton		216	307	---	218	---	250	---	268	1,059	1425	2,474	27
28	Zoar	D. W. Chapman, Casar		60	48	---	47	45	200	3,762	377	205	360	2,411	28
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Associational Missionary Berla Zimmerman Address 328-13th Ave. N. W. Hickory

	CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes	
1	Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., R-1, Connelly Spgs.	---	--	25.00	25.	50.	---	50	50	---	200	17,249	1
2	Berea	Paul Robinson, R-1, Connelly Springs	587	30	----	25	---	---	18	18	---	679	5,396	2
3	Beulah	Hettie Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	---	---	20	40	17	---	26	---	33	135	2,183	3
4	Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C.V. Moore, R-4, Morganton	45	---	20	10	---	---	56	20	---	151	1,076	4
5	Connelly Springs	Mrs. Harold Smith, Box 453, Rutherford College	306	5	33	46	214	---	95	58	42	799	9,059	5
6	Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar	19	---	26	---	---	---	28	22	85	180	3,390	6
7	Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ralph Settlemyre, Box 216, Rhodhiss	---	60	8	16	---	---	10	12	50	157	4,456	7
8	Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Henry River	---	---	5	10	480	106	15	12	--	627	7,390	8
9	Hildebran View	----------	---	---	---	--	---	---	--	--	--	---	----	9
10	Midway	Mrs. Roland Wright, R-2, Connelly Spgs.	---	---	---	--	---	---	--	--	--	---	2,135	10
11	Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Bessie Chapman, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	11	--	11	1,334	11
12	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ray McDowell, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	75	60	---	---	---	---	9	37	90	272	5,803	12
13	Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	564	85	60	46	93	---	57	50	---	955	4,614	13
14	Mt. Zion	Glen Parker, Box 37, Casar	78	--	---	5	5	---	89	21	---	199	1,352	14
15	Mull's Chapel	Mavin Hudson, R-3, Vale	20	40	35	20	15	---	75	35	30	270	3,417	15
16	Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Gross, R-2, Connelly Spgs.	374	80	---	35	35	---	158	100	217	999	[illegible] 14	16
17	Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, R-1, Casar	---	--	38	34	--	---	41	50	18	182	1,73	17
18	Philadelphia	Mrs. Sallie Reep, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	---	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	706	----	18
19	Pisgah	Mrs. Nell Canipe, R-1, Casar	251	35	100	---	---	----	100	150	---	636	7,766	19
20	Pleasant Grove	Annie Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	---	---	---	---	25	---	---	33	---	58	2,526	20
21	St. John's	Mrs. Ruby Hartman, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	---	5	---	---	---	25	116	116	207	470	3,314	21
22	St. Paul	R.A. Brackett, R-1, Casar	236	115	15	22	26	5	60	61	204	744	6,693	22
23	Shoupe's Grove	Juanita Childers, R-2, Connelly Springs	512	56	---	5	18	---	8	---	---	599	6,881	23
24	Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, R-4, Morganton	---	--	---	---	---	---	25	50	339	414	2,777	24
25	South Fork	Mrs. Doshie Burns, R-4, Hickory	---	60	25	---	4	---	85	25	20	219	6,811	25
26	Walker's Chapel	Frances Wellman, R-4, Morganton	---	---	28	10	13	---	177	25	---	252	3,141	26
27	Wilkie's Grove	Joseph Burns, R-2, Connelly Springs	81	35	---	19	19	---	---	45	32	231	3,696	27
28	Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs	75	60	31	23	23	---	51	24	---	286	2,760	28
29	Zoar	Everett Costner, Box 17, Casar	---	---	7	---	---	---	10	10	17	44	2,456	29
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1957

FIRST DAY ..... ABEE'S CHAPEL

SECOND DAY ..... CARSWELL MEMORIAL

October 17-18, 1957

NORTH CAROLINA

1957 Session will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 16-17)

First Day ..... St. John's

Second Day ..... Oak Ridge

J. E. Hoffman will preach Doctrinal Sermon

Paul Crotts will preach Missionary Sermon

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Officers

Moderator	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Vice-Moderator	W. N. Reece, R-3, Box 146-A, Morganton
Clerk	Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Spgs.
Associational Missionary	S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs
Sunday School Supt.	Charles Townsend, R-1, Connelly Spgs.
Asst. S. S. Supt.	Roy Tucker, Box 225, Rhodhiss
Vacation Bible School Supt.	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Asst. Vacation Bible School Supt.	Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Training Union Supt.	Joe Richards, Icard
Asst. Training Union Supt.	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Sprgs.
W. M. U. Supt.	Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Asst. W. M. U. Supt.	Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Hospital Rep.	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Orphanage Rep.	Ray Caldwell, R-3, Lincolnton
Home for the Aging	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale
Evangelism Rep.	T. W. Vanhorn, 139-26th St., Hickory
Brotherhood Rep.	Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston
Royal Ambassador Rep.	Paul Ross, Casar
Pianist	Evelyn Hudson, R-3, Vale
Chorister	Fred Sain, R-3, Vale

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Brintie Arrowood—R-4, Morganton—
Walker's Chapel (W.M.U. Rep.)

Floyd Beaver—R-3, Lincolnton—Walker's Chapel (Pastor)

Marion Benfield—R-1, Casar—St. Paul (Elective)

Mrs. Betty Sue Berry—R-2, Connelly Springs—
Shoup's Grove (Treasurer)

J. A. Berry, Jr.—R-2, Connelly Springs—
Shoup's Grove (Elective)

Ralph Berry—R-2, Connelly Springs—Oak Ridge (Pastor)

B. B. Brooks—Mooresboro—Carswell Memorial (Pastor)

J. C. Buff—Casar—Pisgah—(Elective)

R. T. Burger—308 Martin St., Shelby—Mt. Zion (Pastor)

W. L. Blanton—R-1, Casar—St. Paul-Smart's Grove (Pastor)

Marshel Black—Crouse—Zoar (Pastor)

Ray Caldwell—R-3, Lincolnton—Olive Grove (Pastor)

Elwood Caulder—Hickory—Midway (Elective)

Earl Church—R-1, Connelly Springs—Berea (Elective)

Ottas Cook—R-1, Casar—Hildebran View (Pastor)

Wade Cook—R-1, Connelly Springs—Mt. Calvary (Elective)

Paul Crotts—R-3, Vale—Mt. Vernon (Pastor and Moderator)

Gordon Crump—R-4, Hickory—South Fork (Pastor)

Virgil Glover—R-1, Casar—Mt. Gilead (Pastor)

J. W. Grier—R-2, Granite Falls—Drowning Creek (Pastor)

Mrs. Frank Hicks—R-3, Lawndale—Zion Hill (Clerk)

Julius Hildebran—R-4, Hickory—Mt. Calvary (Pastor)

Mack Hodge—Bakersville—Abee's Chapel (Pastor)

J. E. Hoffman—R-2, Vale—Zion Hill-Mull's Chapel (Pastor)

Mackie Huffman—R-4, Morganton—
Walker's Chapel (Elective)

Lester Lail—R-3, Lawndale—Zoar (Elective)

Johnnie Leatherman—R-2, Vale—Mt. Vernon (Elective)

J. E. Lindsey—R-4, Morganton—
Carswell Memorial (Elective)

Otis Lowman, Jr.—R-1, Connelly Springs—
Abee's Chapel (Elective)

George Lynch—R-2, Mills Springs—Corinth (Pastor)

Grady McCurry—Hildebran—Midway (Pastor)

J. C. Mace—R-1, Connelly Springs—Smart's Grove (Elective)

Lamont Mayes—Hildebran—Henry River (Pastor)

Thomas Mull—R-1, Connelly Springs—Mt. Gilead (Elective)

Glen Parker—Box 37, Casar—Mt. Zion (Elective)

Ralph Parker—R-1, Casar—Olive Grove (Elective)

C. C. Reece—China Grove—Philadelphia (Pastor)

Atley Rhoney—R-4, Hickory—Mull's Chapel (Elective)

Joe Richards—Icard—Shoup's Grove (Pastor and T.U. Rep.)

Paul Ross—Casar—Pisgah (Pastor)

John Smart—R-1, Connelly Springs—Pleasant Grove (Pastor)

Guy Smith—R-2, Connelly Springs—Oak Ridge (Elective))

S. M. Stroupe—Connelly Springs—(Associational Missionary)

Jason Stilwell—R-4, Hickory—St. John's (Pastor)

Charles Townsend—R-1, Connelly Springs—Berea (S.S. Rep.)

Roy Tucker—Rhodhiss (V.B.S. Rep. and Elective)

T. W. Vanhorn—139-26th St., Hickory—Beulah (Pastor)

Delbert Walker—Box 13, Fallston—
St. Paul (Brotherhood Rep.)

Joe White—R-1, Casar—Corinth (Elective)

L. E. Willis—R-1, Connelly Springs—Beulah (Elective)

Stanley Willis—R-4, Hickory—St. John's (Elective)

Pearlie Wright—R-3, Lawndale—Zion Hill (Elective)

(Note: Electives not reported at press time include those from the following churches: Henry River, Hildebran View, Mt. Hebron, Philadelphia, Pleasant Grove, South Fork and Wilkie's Grove).

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Superintendent ..... Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton

Asst. Supt. ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale

Sec.-Treas. ..... Mrs. Olin Carpenter, R-2, Connelly Springs

Youth Leader ..... Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale

Prayer Chairman ..... Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs

Mission Study Chairman ..... Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale

Stewardship Chairman .....

Community Missions Chairman ..... Mrs. Joe Richards, Icard

Literature Chairman ..... Mrs. Edna Mull, R-3, Lawndale

Margaret Fund-Carver School Chairman ..... Mrs. Ralph Berry, Connelly Springs

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Abee's Chapel—J. A. Willis, Nellie Lowman, G. A. Abee, Mildred Crawford, Ulen Lowman

Berea—W. N. Reece, Charlie Townsend, Viola Bryant, Junie Spann, Janie Johnson

Beulah—Mrs. Pauline Hoyle, Author Yancey, Mrs. E. A. Rusidill, Hettie Willis

Carswell Memorial—John Reese, John Lindsey, Isaiah Carswell

Corinth—H. G. McNeilly, C. S. Botts, Lero Hudson, J. R. White, Mrs. Buena Canipe

Drowning Creek—Mrs. Emma Tolbert, Mrs. C. H. Kirby, Mrs. Horace Keller, Joe Grier

Henry River—Lamont Mayes, Charlie Smith, Walter Stepp, Mrs. Carrie Smart, Mrs. L. R. Berry

Hildebran View .....

Midway—Elwood Caulder, Robert Thorne, Grady McCurry, Mrs. Grady McCurry, Mrs. Joplin

Mt. Calvary—James Carswell, Ivey Lowman, Mrs. Dewey Lowman, Mrs. John Lowman

Mt. Gilead—Bynum Lail, Thomas Mull, Bill Parker, Ellis Cook, Mrs. Bynum Lail

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Will Huffman, Will Huffman, Edison Franklin, Alta Taylor, Mrs. Vera Stroupe, Mrs. Buna Taylor, Mrs. Ralph Taylor

Mt. Vernon—M. C. Davis, D. M. Tallent, B. A. Engle, Mrs. P. T. Hoyle

Mt. Zion—Joe Smith, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Tilford Short, Tilford Short, J. D. Cook, Mrs. J. D. Cook

Mull's Chapel—Atley Rhoney, Ernest Rhoney, Mrs. Cordie Rhoney, R. D. Shuford, Clyde McClurd

Oak Ridge—Mrs. John Beach, Dewey Duckworth, Audrey Smith, Mrs. Ralph Berry, Mrs. Ben Zimmerman

Olive Grove—J. A. Cook, Mrs. Pearl Crotts, P. M. Deal, Johnnie Walker, Mrs. Corene Johnson

Philadelphia—Billie Lowman, Meda Franklin, Marston Huffman, Lola Buff

Pisgah—Mrs. Dick Hoyle, Mrs. Robert Beam, Mrs. Otto Devinney, Otto Devinney, Mrs. Minnie Mace, Julius Parker

Pleasant Grove—J. M. Walker, Mrs. J. M. Walker, C. A. Martin, Mrs. G. A. Martin, Mrs. Dolly Bradshaw, Mrs. Essie Hudson, Hubert Lindsey

St. John's—Jason Stilwell, Frank Hoyle, Mrs. Ruby Hoyle, Sam Huffman, Mrs. Ruby Huffman

St. Paul—W. L. Blanton, Ray Hudson, Emerson Cook, Hubert Towery, Marion Benfield, R. C. White

Shoup's Grove—Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, Joe Richards, Mrs. Joe Richards, Mrs. Will Berry, Will Berry, Mrs. Edna Seagle, Mrs. Lizzie Evans

Smart's Grove—Bessie Hildebran, Macy Moses, Ruth Lowman, Adin Abee, John Abee

South Fork—Gordon Crump, Mrs. Thelma Hildebran, Mary Morgan, Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff

Walker's Chapel—Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, Mrs. Pearl Lowman, Milas Huffman, Mrs. Carline Beaver, Mackie Huffman

Wilkie's Grove—Jessie Fortenberry, Mrs. Jessie Fortenberry, William Clark, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. Alice Wilkie

Zion Hill—Jewel Hudson, Will Hudson, Stuart Ramsey, Mrs. Stuart Ramsey, Mrs. Ralph Stroupe

Zoar—Marshel Black, Carlus Rich, Grady Luckadoo, Plato Hull, Delbert Chapman, Theodore McNeely

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.

3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.

5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually

beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.

9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meetings, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of the associational officers and the pastor of each church, along with one member from each church, elected by the church. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting, at the call of the Moderator, soon after the annual session of the Association. At this meeting, such committee shall be appointed as is necessary to carry on the work of the Association.

(c) Special and standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.

(d) The Moderator shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between sessions of the annual Association.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

14. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

Forty-seventh Annual Session

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Abee's Chapel and Carswell Memorial Churches

October 17 and 18, 1957

First Day, Abee's Chapel, Morning Session

1. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts, at 9:30.
2. The congregation was led in singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Hubert Lindsey and W. N. Reece led in the opening prayer.
3. Mack Hodge gave a brief welcome to the delegates and then led in an inspiring devotional period.
4. The program of the Association was presented by the Program Chairman, S. M. Stroupe, and was adopted by the body, with the addition of reports on State Missions and American Bible Society.
5. The clerk called the roll and gave time for enrolment of messengers.
6. The Executive Committee Report was given by the Clerk, Mrs. Frank Hicks, and adopted as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee has met once since the Spring Session of the Association. This meeting was held at the home of Paul Crotts on July 18. Joe Richards led in the devotional and the following business was transacted:

(a) A Program Committee for the annual session of the Association was appointed which included S. M. Stroupe, chairman; Zeno Crump, and Joe Richards.

(b) Paul Crotts presented a letter from Mr. Earl Bradley stating that Mr. Stroupe would have to be replaced on the General Board as he was now serving as Associational Missionary. The names of J. E. Hoffman and W. N. Reece were submitted, one to be chosen by the State Convention to serve on the General Board.

(c) A Finance and Budget Committee was selected consisting of Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, S. M. Stroupe, W. N. Reece and Mrs. Frank Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Frank Hicks.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Hicks

7. The Sunday School Report was given by Charlie Townsend, spoken to by him, and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our efficient leaders of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee have helped us in our local churches to understand how to organize for more efficient work in our Sunday Schools. We have learned that efficient leadership is of vital importance. Our churches are beginning to have clinics in which leaders are trained for better service. The work of the Great Commission is beginning to spread in our Association. In our teaching ministry, we have realized the need of consecrated teachers who will sacrifice time and effort to win the lost multitudes of men and women and children who live in our midst.

When there is a consecrated life and a burdened heart, the Sunday School officer will not cease to work and pray for the salvation of lost people. Our converts come from our Sunday Schools.

Our churches are beginning to realize the value of Vacation Bible Schools. Fourteen of our churches sent reports of Vacation Bible Schools and at least one other church had a school that did not report. All over our Southern Baptist Convention thousands of children are enrolled each summer in Bible study. In these well-planned schools thousands of our youth are converted to faith in Jesus Christ.

There are many ways by which we can make our Sunday Schools more evangelistic. Some are as follows: Find them, by a religious survey; Bring them, by regular visitation; Provide for them, by proper equipment; Teach them, with trained and consecrated teachers; Enroll them, through the Nursery and Extension Departments. In our church communities there are some in all age groups who are unenlisted. This gives all officers and teachers an opportunity to advance in the kingdom work of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Townsend

8. Joe Richards gave the Vacation Bible School report. He spoke to his report and it was adopted as follows:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Children are the greatest blessing that God gave to man. When God gives man a blessing, he also gives him a responsibility with the blessing. Our responsibility then is great in regard to the Spiritual, Mental, and physical well-being of our children. Vacation Bible Schools have helped in a wonderful way to enable us to meet our responsibility to our children. Vacation Bible Schools give to our youth a foundation for Spiritual, mental and physical growth.

South Mountain Baptist Association has witnessed a good year in Vacation Bible School work. Some of our churches have had a Vacation Bible School for the first time this year. May I encourage them to continue this great work. The following churches have reported Vacation Bible Schools this year: Smart's Grove, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Hebron, Oak Ridge, South Fork, Drowning Creek, Pisgah, Walker's Chapel, Berea, Mull's Chapel Wilkies Grove, St. Paul, Henry River, and Shoup's Grove. Most of our schools improved in grades over last year. Berea church had a Standard school of 100%.

We are indeed grateful to the Wilkie's Grove church for being host to our clinic this year. We express our appreciation to all the associational workers who helped promote our work this year. May our God continue to bless the Vacation Bible Schools in South Mountain Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Richards

9. In absence of Zeno Crump, S. M. Stroupe read the Training Union Report. Ralph Berry spoke to the report and it was adopted as follows:

TRAINING UNION REPORT

Training Union activities in the South Mountain Baptist Association have been encouraging this year. We began the year with an associational "M" (mobilization) night meeting at Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church which was attended by 120 people. The speaker was Mr. Boyd Matheson, Training Union Director of West Hickory Baptist Church. It was at this meeting that we laid our plans and set our goals for the year. We

would not have you believe that all of these plans have materialized or that all of our goals have been reached.

But we are glad to report that we have succeeded in accomplishing part of what we set out to do. Our goal for Training Union study course awards was 300. We have received a total of 308 awards this year. Many of these awards were given for study courses offered during Alcohol Education Week. Out of the eleven churches with Training Unions, seven have earned awards.

Two new Training Unions have been organized in the Association since last year. These new unions at Midway Baptist Church and Wilkie's Grove are growing and rendering a great service in the name of the Lord.

There is evidence of strength and maturity in the churches that have offered an enriched program of Bible training through the Training Union. The needs of the people in these church communities have been more adequately met. Lost people have been won to Christ, and the Christian has grown to be a soul winner. We believe that a church sponsored Training Union is one good way to meet these basic needs.

So, in conclusion, this year's work presents a challenge to every pastor and every church in this association. To some the challenge is to organize a Training Union in your church; to others the challenge is to set greater goals and make greater efforts to reach those goals in your Training Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Zeno E. Crump

10. The congregation was led in singing "Stand Up For Jesus" by Hubert Lindsey.

11. Visitors and new pastors were recognized at this time, as follows:

Visitors—Clifton Cooper, Blue Ridge Association
Lee Secrest, Catawba River Association
Mr. Brackett, Stoney Fork Association
H. R. Nash, Wayside Baptist Church
D. E. Newton, Sandy Run Association

New Pastors in the Association—

R. T. Burger, Mt. Zion Church
T. W. Van Horn, Beulah Church
Grady McCurry, Midway Church

There was a total of 16 pastors present from this Association.

12. The Moderator was given time to appoint a Petitionary Committee, consisting of the following: J. E. Hoffman, Chairman; S. M. Stroupe, W. N. Reece.

13. The Stewardship and Missions Report was given by S. M. Stroupe, spoken to by J. E. Hoffman and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Back of this wonderful world there is a person who claims the whole creation for his very own. This supreme being we call God our Heavenly Father. In him we live and move and have our being. David in the twenty-third Psalm said, The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

We find in all this vast accumulation of material wealth that man is only a possessor, and God is the rightful owner of it all. If we are Christians in reality, God has a double claim on us. We are his by creation, and we are his by redemption. Our Father and our Redeemer make demands of us. We are not our own. We are bought with a price.

Jesus put great emphasis upon faithfulness. It is required in Stewards that a man be found faithful. Therefore, we ought to study Stewardship. We are Stewards of our possessions. Most Christians realize that one-tenth of our income is holy unto the Lord, and should be given to advance the work of our Lord's kingdom on earth. Christians who tithe their material possessions are blessed of the Lord, and are useful in His service.

A good Steward does more than tithe his income. He gives of his time and talents. Honesty and personal integrity is given high priority in Christian service, and happy are they who have become good Stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Only a God of infinite power and wisdom could have fashioned earth and man, and since God gave man his faculties and

capacities they should be used in ways that are pleasing to their maker.

As God's creatures our lives have dignity. While we do not own anything, we are managers of a vast Domain, and we must accept as brothers and sisters all of the same creation.

All of us are Missionaries in some capacity. We are commissioned to go and preach and teach. Our task is a world task, but it begins right at home. The stronger the home base is for teaching and preaching, the greater our accomplishments will be in the far away lands.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. Stroupe

14. The Doctrinal sermon was delivered by Joe Richards, who gave an inspiring message on the New Testament doctrines.
15. The hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven," closed the morning session and Mack Hodge of the host church invited congregation to lunch. The closing prayer was given by J. E. Hoffman and the meeting was adjourned.

Afternoon Session—First Day

16. The congregation, led by Hubert Lindsey, sang "Work for the Night Is Coming" and the Moderator called the afternoon session to order.
17. The devotional period was conducted by Ray Carswell.
18. Report of Committee on Committees was given by W. N. Reece, Chairman, and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Resolutions Committee—
Mrs. Joe Richards, T. W. Vanhorn, Gordon Crump

Missions Committee—
R. T. Burger, Joe Richards, T. W. Vanhorn

Time, Place and Preacher Committee—
Jason Stilwell, Ralph Berry and Ruffin Short

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. Reece

19. In absence of Mrs. Nell Canipe, the report on Christian Education was postponed. Dr. Robert Holt of Mars Hill College spoke on this subject.

20. Ralph Berry presented the report on Christian Literature, spoke to the report and it was adopted as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE REPORT

The things we read guide our lives to a great extent. The message of the printed page can go to many places where the spoken word and sermon cannot be heard. Christian literature is a mighty force for good in promoting the Lord's work and in sowing the seeds of righteousness in the minds of people today.

Baptists have compelling reasons for giving major attention to Religious Literature, for it is designed to promote Bible study, lead to personal faith in Christ, cultivates Christian character and develops faithful workers and skillful leaders in our churches. Christian literature must be promoted, read, and used by our people in the homes and churches if the whole program of Christ is to be carried out by Baptists working together. The devil is using the power of the printed word as never before. The vast flood of bad literature that is being distributed throughout our land today is promoting paganism, worldliness, and evil thoughts and deeds. A great many of these bad books and magazines are found in Baptist homes.

One of our major needs is to get our people trained and enlisted in the whole program of our denomination and the kingdom of God. This can not be done apart from information and inspiration provided through the printed page. We must teach our people to read, for we can not tell them all they need to know, and we must put into their hands this Baptist literature. We have our state paper, the Biblical Recorder. It has served our churches of North Carolina since 1833; Charity and Children published by our Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville for 68 years. When we feel the need of a closer touch with God, the ladder of inspired literature can bring us into His presence.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Berry

21. The report on Baptist Orphanage was given by B. B. Brooks. Miss Lucille Reed of Mills Home spoke to this report and it was adopted as follows:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT

The year 1956 was a busy one at the Baptist Children's Homes. There was a total of 813 applications received and only 169 could be admitted. Some of the children who could not be admitted have been placed in private homes, others are still waiting for someone to come to their rescue.

We should be very thankful for the progress that has been made in our child care program but should not be satisfied while many children are looking to us for help.

Another need is the Indian Orphanage at Pembroke, in the Burnt Swamp Association. Our board of trustees of the Baptist Childrens Homes have voted unanimously to recommend to the Baptist State Convention that the Pembroke Orphanage be made part of North Carolina Baptist child care program. The increasing needs of our child care program depend largely on the Thanksgiving offering. Let us increase offering at least 10%.

Surely the Master is not pleased with His servants until they have done their best. Let us lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. Brooks

22. Dr. McGee of the Baptist Hospital was recognized at this time and spoke to the Baptist Hospital Report given by Julius Hildebran. Adopted as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

1957 REPORT

Our North Carolina Baptist Hospital is dedicated to the service of those in need of medical care, the education of young people in various branches of medical service, and the bearing

of a Christian witness throughout North Carolina and the world.

Once more it has set a new record in its ministry to sick people. Last year it provided 123,000 days of bed care for 15,784 patients. There were 61,000 visits to the out-patient clinics and 60,000 visits to the private clinics. Service patients came from 92 of the 100 counties of our State. This represents specialized medical care in twenty-five different fields of medicine and surgery. It represents the services of skilled medical specialists and special equipment in each of these fields. It represents a medical staff and equipment which, because of the many skills and the large investment involved, cannot be provided except in such a medical center. It provides medical service of the highest order for our people in North Carolina, whatever their financial circumstances may be.

The new Cobalt machine is in full operation, providing treatment for about 35 cancer patients each day. Our very fine plastic surgeon is doing highly skilled work, and our heart surgeon has performed successfully some of the newest and most difficult heart operations known. These services are typical of those offered by our Baptist Hospital.

If a person wishes to go to the Baptist Hospital for treatment, it is necessary that an appointment be made in advance. When an appointment is requested, accurate information must be given as to the general nature of the patient's problem and whether he needs to go through the out-patient clinic, rather than as a private or full-pay patient. The out-patient department is open to persons who are not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. In cases of emergency, or the need for immediate hospitalization, a local physician should always call or write the hospital in order that he may give the medical information required before the proper arrangements can be made. If a person will not be able to pay his full hospital bill when he leaves the hospital, definite financial arrangements should be made when he is admitted to the hospital and not left until later. This can prevent misunderstanding and unnecessary hardship.

It appears now that our churches of the State have made their largest Mother's Day offering this year. We are grateful for this because the needs for help have been greater than they have ever been before. Let us share in the ministry of our Baptist Hospital by giving generously of our prayers, our love, and our money.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hildebran

23. The business session was presided over by the Moderator and the following business was transacted:

(a) S. M. Stroup presented a change in the membership of the Executive Committee of the Association, such change adding more members to the Executive Committee, consisting of officers of the Association as well as pastors and a member from each church. This change would eliminate parts of Art. 12 of the Constitution. The body was to consider this proposal until afternoon session of second day.

(b) J. E. Hoffman of Petitionary Committee presented letter from Mt. Calvary Church asking to be placed under watchcare of Association for one year, as per Constitution. This letter was approved and church received as stated.

(c) W. N. Reece, Chairman of Budget and Finance Committee presented the Budget for 1957-58 and it was adopted as follows:

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1957-1958

Missionary Salary	$ 840.00
Car Expense for Missionary	460.00
Clerk Salary	100.00
Treasury Expense	50.00
Promotion of Organizations:	
Sunday School	50.00
Training Union	100.00
Women's Missionary Union	50.00
Brotherhood	100.00
Vacation Bible School	50.00
Pastor's Conference	25.00
Material for Missionary	350.00

Minute Fund	375.00
Other Items	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	**$2,750.00**

It is suggested that the Churches set aside $1.00 per resident member for the support of the Association budget.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. Reece, Chairman

(d) S. M. Stroupe requested for reception of Midway Church into full fellowship of Association, after having been under watchcare of Association for one year. Moderator Paul Crotts gave them the right hand of fellowship into the Association.

24. The first day of the 1957 Session of the Association was adjourned by Jason Stilwell at 3 p.m.

Second Day, Carswell Memorial, Morning Session

1. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts, and the congregation was led in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord", by Hubert Lindsey.
2. An inspiring devotional was given by B. B. Brooks from Hebrews 11.
3. The Business Session was presided over by the Moderator and the following business was transacted:
   (a) The Time and Place Committee, Jason Stilwell, Chairman, asked for invitations for next year.
   (b) S. M. Stroupe asked for vote on change in membership of Executive Committee as presented in first day's session. This was postponed until afternoon session.
4. The Woman's Missionary Union Report was given by Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, spoken to by her and adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Looking at the work of the past year we bow in humble gratitude to our Father for what was accomplished; yet there is a deep feeling of regret that so little was achieved. Our

Annual meeting was held with the Oak Ridge church. Those in attendance were inspired and challenged by the messages brought by our Field Worker, Mrs. John Wacaster and Missionary, Mrs. Noble Y. Beall.

We are happy to report two new successfully organized Woman's Missionary Unions in Mt. Hebron and Mull's Chapel churches. We thank the Lord for the wonderful work they are doing. Fourteen of the twenty-eight churches now have W.M.U. organizations. Mrs. Paul Crotts, our Young People's Director has worked faithfully. We have five new G.A.'s. We trust more is in next year's plans.

Plans are being made for an Associational Leadership Conference, which will be held on October 24.

It is our hope that new W.M.U. organizations may be realized in the fourteen churches which have not been organized. We are challenged by the unmet needs and the awaiting opportunities in our Association, state, and nation, and in fields afar. We must be missionaries every day, wherever we are, whatever our place of service.

There is a great need for world awareness and to teach our youth to be missionary minded. We believe that the desire to support missions is stimulated when the needs of lost people are laid on the hearts of individuals in such a way that they are moved to pray and give.

May each society and auxiliary accept the challenge of making a complete quarterly report so that a true picture of the missionary effort might be known.

At the beginning of this new year, may we resolve that all our energies, talents, faith and purpose be united in one great endeavor to be "Labourers Together With God."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Brintie Arrowood.

5. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. Betty Sue Berry and adopted as follows:

TREASURY'S REPORT

Balance In Treasury Nov. 4, 1956	$ 205.79
State Check For Missionary	490.00
Associational Collection For Missionary	1,177.50

Collections from Organizations	198.41
Minute Fund	351.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	$2,422.70

Paid Out—	
Associational Missionary	$ 915.00
Minutes	321.00
Mrs. Frank Hicks	115.88
Shelby Printing Company	14.50
Baptist Book Store	5.00
B. T. U.	10.00
Sunday School	14.24
Brotherhood	10.00
Br. Budd Smith	25.00
Pastor's Conference	4.00
Treasurer's Notebook	8.91
TOTAL PAID OUT	$1,443.53

Balance In Treasury Oct. 17, 1957 ..... $ 979.17

6. (a) Home Missions Report was given by J. E. Hoffman in absence of W. N. Reece and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS IN 1957

(Material for Associations)

By John Caylor

The 1957 report of home missions must of necessity deal with the 1956 figures. At the beginning of 1957 the Home Mission Board reported 1,180 missionaries, an increase of 81 over the previous year. Professions of faith reported by the missionaries numbered 39,458, an increase of 1,983 over the previous year.

The Home Mission Board's income for 1956 was: from the Cooperative Program, $2,027,369.87; Annie Armstrong Offering, $1,574,890.61; and from designated gifts, $127,761.01; total, $3,730,027.49.

Among new personnel additions at the headquarters office are Clovis A. Brantley as assistant secretary in the Depart-

ment of Direct Missions, William B. Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish work, and Wendell Belew, director of church-sponsored mission work.

Among major emphases during 1957 the Board will continue its effort to enlist every church in an evangelistic ministry and every member to participate in soul-winning. Conservation of results will be pursued. All work of the Board is in full co-operation with all other agencies of the denomination. The "30,000 Program," with its challenge to constitute 10,000 new churches and establish 20,000 additional mission stations in seven years, will receive major emphasis not only throughout the year but for the duration of the Third Jubilee of Baptists.

Increased loan funds are greatly needed. Minority groups: Indians, Negroes, and language groups will receive major attention. The Board has set a goal of 1,050 missionaries serving minority groups by 1964.

The City Mission Program is to be enlarged with the entry by the Board into a new major city every year if possible; the rural church program had major emphasis in 1956 and efforts will be intensified constantly; pioneer areas call for extensive interest and work; special groups and needs, such as the deaf, the Jews, migrants, broken homes, juvenile delinquents, and a ministry to military personnel, challenge the best leadership of the Board's missionaries.

Promotion and education made great demands on the Home Mission Board's staff because of increased interest, Filmstrips, motion pictures, maps, mission study books, tracts, picture packets, publicity, the magazine, and all other projected and published materials have been improved and the demands have been tremendous. Schools of Missions and assignment of home missionaries to fulfill increasing demands have afforded missionary information and inspiration.

The Chaplains Commission reported 421 chaplains on active duty and 11,074 professions of faith recorded in their ministry.

Home missionaries were instrumental in starting 729 new missions and constituting 296 new churches.

The greatest need of the Board is expressed in the single statement: We need your prayers and personal interest, a larger proportion of the church budget dollar, a wider interest in tithing, missionary volunteers committed to home missions, and a share in every Southern Baptist's consecration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. Reece.

(b) State Missions Report was given by S. M. Stroupe and adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

For more than one hundred years, North Carolina Baptists have been interested in a State Missions program. This work has had periods of discouragement when the work seemed to go slowly, and this cause of State Missions has had periods of great encouragement. We are now experiencing a time of great spiritual development. Teaching and training and preaching is now enjoying a season of great success. No one can begin to estimate the good accomplished by State Missions in years gone by. Today the State Mission Board is advancing the cause of Christ in many ways. I shall mention some of them.

1. Pastoral Assistance: To churches that are small in membership, but have great possibilities, the State Mission Board supplements the Pastor's salary.
2. Teaching and Training: Through the development of good Sunday Schools and Training Unions, we have been able, through the aid of our State Missions Program, to conserve the work of Evangelism.
3. Church buildings have been aided in some very strategic locations by our well-planned State Missions Program.
4. We have been able through State Missions to aid the Croatan Indians of Robeson County.
5. Negroes have been aided by our State Missions Program.

Our State Missions Program has never rendered a greater service to the many worthy agencies than it is now doing under the management of our worthy Secretary of State Missions, Dr. Lowell Spivey. To have a strong State Missions Program, we must have a good program in our own South Mountain Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. Stroupe.

(c) Foreign Missions Report was given by Gordon Crump and adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Some 1956 highlights in foreign mission work are:

1. Southern Baptist missionaries entered three additional countries—Tanganyike and Kenya in East Africa and Pakistan in the Indian continent. Missionaries live now in 211 centers in 38 geographical areas of the world.
2. Missionary appointments during the year totaled 121. The appointment goal for 1957 is 130.
3. Churches with which Southern Baptist missionaries are affiliated reported 24,423 baptisms.
4. Construction of the first Baptist hospital in Mexico began in March. Construction on the Wallace Memorial Hospital in Korea was completed. A clinic was opened in Hong Kong. Hospitals are scheduled for the Gold Coast and Northern Nigera.
5. New theological institutes were opened in Paraguay, Urugay, and Venezuela.
6. Missionaries in the Gold Coast were organized into a mission effective January 1, 1957.
7. Receipts of the Foreign Mission Board totaled $12,733,681 during the year.
8. Two missionaries were decorated by sovereigns of their adopted countries for outstanding service—Josephine Scaggs of Nigeria by Queen Elizabeth of England; and Loren Brown by King Hussein of Jordan.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Crump.

These reports were spoken to by Mr. Earl Bradley of State Baptist Convention at Raleigh.

7. Visitors recognized at this time were: Floyd Willis, J. H. Brendle, Ralph Huntley.
8. Brotherhood and R. A. Report was given by Delbert Walker and spoken to by George Byrd, Shelby. Adopted as follows:

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

We have eight Brotherhoods in the Association and five R.A. Chapters.

One Associational wide R.A. Counselor's Clinic was held in the Association this year.

I attended the State Brotherhood Convention, also the Regional Brotherhood Convention.

I was privileged to be selected as delegate to Thomasville to the Leadership Institute on witness and personal soul winning.

We had one Associational Wide Laymen Revival, also Shoupe's Grove had a Layman's Revival.

There were four Witness and Personal soul winning Leadership Clinics conducted in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Delbert Walker.

9. Minister's Retirement Report was given by Ralph Berry in absence of W. L. Blanton. It was adopted as follows:

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT REPORT

After thirty-nine years the work of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention continues to grow. More than 16,000 pastors and denominational workers are actually enrolled in one of the Retirement Plans—an increase in 1956 alone of 1,885.

A total of nearly $2,000,000 was paid in benefits to all recipients last year. There were 3,174 retired ministers who received $1,626,211.59. The remaining $320,443.24 went to 1,474 aged preachers and widows as grants in direct relief.

The long range answer to the problems in this field is being met by direct promotion and enlistment. Too few of our workers are availing themselves of the wonderful provision for retirement, disability, and death provided in the Retirement Plans.

As of July 1, in North Carolina we have 311 active participants in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan—for a gain during the year of 179 members. The North Carolina Ministers Retirement Plan which was closed to new members in January 1, 1956 now has 600 active members as compared to 787 at this time last year. This decrease is due to the transfer of many of the men in the MRP who would be advantaged by

going into the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. Also, we have had about 25 members to reach retirement age and annuities have been set up for these. About 10 members have died during the year and their widows are now drawing benefits.

When it is remembered that pastor, church, and Convention co-operate in the Retirement Plan—each paying one-third of the cost it is difficult to understand a pastor or a church not availing themselves of the security provided. We look forward to continued growth in this program.

O. J. Hagler is Secretary for Retirement Plans for North Carolina and is at the service of the pastors and the churches.

Dr. Alton Reed is Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Blanton.

10. P. M. Deal led the congregation in singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

11. The Missionary Message was given by S. M. Stroupe, who spoke on the Great Commission and "Feeding a Hungry World." T. W. Vanhorn led in prayer.

12. B. B. Brooks of the host church invited the congregation to lunch and the morning session was adjourned.

Afternoon Session—Second Day

13. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator and the congregation was led in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", by Hubert Lindsey.

14. T. W. Vanhorn gave an inspiring devotional.

15. Home for Aging Report was given by Paul Ross in absence of E. O. Bustle. This report was spoken to by Mr. James Hayes, Director of Homes for Aging, and adopted as follows:

HOMES FOR AGING REPORT

This, the seventh year of operation of the Baptist Homes for the Aging, has been the greatest year of expansion, thanks to our Lord for His continued favor and the North Carolina Baptists for their increased support. The new Administration and Residential Building was opened June 13 and all rooms are

now occupied except in the infirmary.

The new building increased facilities to accommodate 122 residents, counting Resthaven at Winston-Salem, and the Albemarle Home. It also added half a million dollars to the value of the assets of the Homes for the Aging.

Another forward step was taken in July when the General Board voted unanimously to accept the offer of Don Matthews, Sr., Hamilton, to give fifty thousand dollars and land on which to build a Home for the Aging in eastern North Carolina. The fourth home will add space for approximately forty additional residents, thus bringing the total capacity to 150 residents.

Two wills have been probated in Forsythe County in which the Homes were remembered with sizable gifts when received. Word has come of another will in which the Homes will share.

About eighty-five thousand dollars has been received from the February Special Day Offering. This represents an average gift of 10 cents per Baptist.

There has been one death in our Homes. The state of health of our residents has been remarkably good considering their ages, ranging from 65 to 97 years.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. Bustle.

16. American Bible Society Report was given by Delbert Walker and adopted as follows:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The American Bible Society was established 1816. These Bible societies are organizations whose main purpose is translating and publishing the scriptures in convenient forms and distributing them without profit. They sell the scriptures at or below cost to those who can afford to buy them and given them to many who cannot afford even these low prices. Since 1835, the American Bible Society has been supplying embossed scriptures for the blind. A Braille Bible requires 20 volumes. Beginning in 1818, scriptures were distributed to all armed

forces without charge. The entire Bible has been published in 207 languages. The New Testament in 265 additional languages. Gospels or other books have been published in 620 languages with about 10 new languages a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Delbert Walker.

17. William H. Spradlin of Training Union Department of State Baptist Convention spoke on Training Union work, using Judges 7 as text.

18. The Business Session was presided over by the Moderator, Paul Crotts, and the following business was transacted:
    (a) S. M. Stroup presented revised resolution regarding change in Executive Committee. Adopted.
    (b) Ralph Berry presented report of Nominating Committee and it was adopted as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator—Paul Crotts
Vice-Moderator—W. N. Reece
Clerk—Mrs. Frank Hicks
Treasurer—Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Associational Missionary—S. M. Stroupe
Sunday School Superintendent—Charles Townsend
Asst. S. S. Supt.—Roy Tucker
Vacation Bible School Supt.—Virgil Buff
Asst. Vacation Bible School Supt.—Mrs. Virgil Buff
Training Union Supt.—Joe Richards
Asst. Training Union Supt.—Eugene Sherill
W. M. U. Supt.—Mrs. Brintie Arrowood
Asst. W. M. U. Supt.—Mrs. Frank Hicks
Hospital Representative—Julius Hildebran
Orphanage Representative—Ray Caldwell

Home for the Aging—J. E. Hoffman
Evangelism Representative—T. W. Vanhorn
Brotherhood Representative—Delbert Walker
Royal Ambassador Rep.—Paul Ross
Pianist—Evelyn Hudson
Chorist—Fred Sain

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Berry, Chairman

(c) Time, Place and Preacher Committee report was given by Ralph Berry and adopted as follows:

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

Time—October 16 and 17, 1958
Place—First day—St. John's
Second day—Oak Ridge
Preachers—Doctrinal message—J. E. Hoffman
Missionary message—Paul Crotts

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Stilwell, Chairman

(d) Resolutions Committee Report was given by T. W. Vanhorn and adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Whereas, the South Mountain Baptist Association in many phases of its work has been outstanding in its achievements, and

Whereas, the associational year has been climaxed with two most inspiring annual meetings ever held by this body, therefore be it resolved:

(1) That we express our unfaltering faith in and appreciation for the Moderator and other officers of this association, who have been the leaders of improved ideas resulting in an outstanding year.

(2) That we express our appreciation to everyone who has taken part on the program during these meetings.

(3) That this body express to the Pastor and members of Abee's Chapel Baptist Church and to the Carswell Memorial Baptist Church our profound gratitude for the cordial welcome and for the delicious food that they have so abunduntly provided for our nourishment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joe Richards
Rev. T. W. Vanhorn
Rev. Gordon Crump

19. Memorial service was conducted by J. E. Hoffman, who spoke from Book of St. John.
20. The Clerk was asked to send letter to each pastor concerning new Executive Committee.
21. Paul Ross moved to adjourn the meeting and the forty-seventh session of the South Mountain Association came to a close, after a prayer.

SPRING SESSION

May 18, 1957

MT. HEBRON CHURCH

1. The session was called to order by the Moderator and Mrs. Eugene Houston led the congregation in singing "To The Work."
2. J. E. Hoffman conducted the devotional period, using John 17 as his text.
3. S. M. Stroupe presented the program for the Spring Session and it was adopted.
4. The Clerk made the roll call of churches.
5. W. N. Reece made a report on Associational Outlook.
6. Charlie Townsend gave a talk on Sunday School Advancement.
7. Training Union Development in the Association was discussed by Zeno Crump.

8. Mrs. Brintie Arrowood reported on W. M. U. Undertakings.
9. Brotherhood Work, called "Laymen at Work," was reported on by Delbert Walker.
10. The congregation sang "Bring Them In," led by Mrs. Houston.
11. B. H. Cline gave a report on Royal Ambassadors work in the Association.
12. The business session was presided over by the Moderator and the following business was transacted:
    (a) Mrs. Betty Sue Berry gave the Treasurer's Report.
    (b) W. N. Reece presented need for Associational Missionary and S. M. Stroupe was unanimously elected.
    (c) Joe Richards proposed that each pastor select a member from his church to participate in Leadership Institute on Soul-Winning and this was adopted.
    (d) B. H. Cline moved that a resolution of protest to dancing on the Wake Forest College campus be submitted to trustees of the College and to Dr. Tribble, president. He was given authority to prepare such a letter and send to proper persons.
    (e) Paul Crotts discussed need for Advisory Committee and Joe Richards moved that Moderator be given authority to appoint such a Committee or call on help from pastors from Association. This was adopted.
13. The Executive Committee Report was given by the Clerk, Mrs. Frank Hicks.
14. S. M. Stroupe welcomed the group to have refreshments and the meeting was adjoured by Zeno Crump.

EVENING SESSION

15. The congregation was led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven", by Mrs. Eugene Houston.
16. S. M. Stroupe led in the devotional period.
17. Joe Richards showed the Vacation Bible School filmstrip and spoke on this.

18. In absence of Dr. Budd Smith of Wingate College, the preaching hour was conducted by students from Wingate who are preparing for full-time Christian service. The theme, "What Will You Do With Jesus?", was carried out in songs and testimonies—a very inspiring service.

19. The Spring Session was dismissed with prayer by Ray Caldwell and adjourned.

Ordained Ministers Not Pastors In Association

Norris Brittain—Berea	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Osco Parker—Henry River	Hickory, N. C.
Seth Ivester—St. Paul	Lawndale, N. C.
Edsel Mull—St. Paul	Lawndale, N. C.

Licensed Ministers In Association

Tarp Buchanan—Abee's Chapel	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Levi Fredell—Olive Grove	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Jenks Brittain—St. Johns	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Roy Hastings—St. Paul	Lawndale, N. C.
Chessie Smart—Smart's Grove	Connelly Springs, N. C.
James Belle—Smart's Grove	Shelby, N. C.

Musical Directors Or Leaders

Abee's Chapel	William Lambert, Valdese
Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Beulah	L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton
Corinth	Everette McNeilly, R-1, Casar
Drowning Creek	Roy Speagle, 509, 2nd Ave., Hickory
Henry River	John Young, Hildebran
Hildebran View	Betty Hoyle, Connelly Springs
Midway	Mrs. Mae Rhoney, R-2, Connelly Springs
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Wade Cook, Connelly Springs
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Omar Hoyle, R-1, Vale
Mt. Zion	Sammie Proctor, R-1, Lawndale
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Valdese

Oak Ridge	Glenn Lowdermilk, Hickory
Olive Grove	Grier Scism, Casar
Philadelphia	Mrs. Edna Kiser, R-1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar
Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsey, R-4, Morganton
St. John's	Mamie McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul	Claude Cook, R-1, Casar
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Bessie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Spgs.
South Fork	Kenneth Crump, Hildebran
Walker's Chapel	Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs
Wilkie's Grove	Marilyn Young, R-4, Hickory
Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-3, Vale
Zoar	Paul McDaniel, Casar

Pianist or Organist

Abee's Chapel	Gail Lowman, Box 27, Valdese
Berea	Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Beulah	Evelyn Hoyle, R-3, Vale
Carswell Memorial	Celia Carswell, R-4, Morganton
Corinth	Mrs. Ruby Short, R-1, Casar
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Roy Speagle, 509-2nd Ave., Hickory
Henry River	Mrs. Larry Abernathy, Hildebran
Hildebran View	Addie Hudson, Connelly Springs
Midway	Shirley Caulder, 1460-2nd Ave., Hickory
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Ray Rhoney, Connelly Springs
Mt. Gilead	Mary Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Richard Bradshaw, R-1, Connelly Spgs.
Mt. Vernon	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Mt. Zion	Lucy Chapman, R-1, Casar
Mull's Chapel	Evelyn Hudson, R-3, Vale
Oak Ridge	Gilda Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove	Aileen Crotts, Casar
Philadelphia	Patsy Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah	Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Eva Williams, 2980 Main Ave., Hickory

St. John's	Hazel Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul	Bentha Cooke, R-1, Casar
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Lloyd Childres, R-2, Connelly Spgs.
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Elizabeth Lail, R-1, Valdese
South Fork	Rasalie Greenhill, Hildebran
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Jerlene Lane, R-1, Valdese
Wilkie Grove	Bonnie Paige, R-4, Hickory
Zion Hill	Juanita Ramsey, R-1, Connelly Springs
Zoar	Mrs. Everette Costner, Casar

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Those Who Have Answered the Roll Call Since

September 30, 1956

Abee's Chapel—Mrs. Artie Hildebran

Berea—Rev. T. C. McCall

Carswell Memorial—J. M. Carswell, Mrs. Julie Ivester

Henry River—T. S. Martin

Midway—Jim Moore

Mt. Gilead—Charlie Parker, Bryson York

Mt. Hebron—Curtis Taylor, Mrs. Estelle Hildebran

Mt. Vernon—Mrs. D. M. Tallent

Mt. Zion—R. C. Fortenberry

Olive Grove—Kelly Spake, Jane Cook

Pisgah—Mrs. Vina White

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Mary Jane Swink, Mrs. Ella Butler

St. John's—Rachel Brittain, Mrs. Minnie Ramsey

St. Paul—A. M. Crotts, C. H. Crotts, Mrs. Vassie Cooke, Fred Cooke, J. A. Morrison

Smart's Grove—Mrs. Sadie Lail, Max Lail

Walker's Chapel—Russel Huffman, Mrs. Jennie Carswell

Wilkie's Grove—Patrick Brittain

Zion Hill—M. C. Buff

Statistical Tables

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Clerk: Mrs. Frank Hicks. Address: R-3, Lawndale, N. C.

Moderator: Paul Crotts. Address: R-3, Vale, N. C.

	CHURCHES	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	GAINS Baptisms	GAINS Letters and Other Additions	LOSSES Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	TOTAL Total Resident Members	TOTAL Total Non-resident Members	TOTAL Grand Total Present Members	SPECIAL INFORMATION Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper in Budget?	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
1	Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2,4	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	6	9	2	----	----	170	2	52	*	**	**	$ 2,400
2	Berea	Rural	1947	1,2,3,4	W. N. Reece, R-3, Box 146-A, Morganton	29	17	7	96	41	137	2	----	*	**	**	1,300
3	Beulah	Rural		1,2,3,4	T. W. Vanhorn, 139-26th St., Hickory	4	12	7	100	30	130	3	10	----	----	----	1,085
4	Carswell Memorial	Rural	1938	1,2,3,4	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	4	2	8	60	6	66	1	18	*	----	----	735
5	Corinth	Rural	1884	1,3	G. W. Lynch, R-2, Mills Springs	6	3	3	102	64	166	2	13	**	**	**	1,399
6	Drowning Creek	Rural	1952	1,2,3,4	J. W. Grier, R-2, Box 114, Granite Falls	8	10	10	90	15	105	2	29	**	**	**	1,200
7	Henry River	V	1940	1,2,3,4	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran	2	1	6	167	40	207	2	----	**	**	**	3,570
8	Hildebran View	Rural		1,3	Ottas Cooke, R-1, Casar	0	0	0	----	----	----	1	----	**	**	**	240
9	Midway	Rural	1956	1,2,3,4	Grady McCurry, Hildebran	12	9	12	40	20	60	2	40	*	**	**	1,161
10	Mt. Calvary	Rural	1952	1,2,3,4	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory	----	3	----	----	----	43	2	----	----	----	----	--- ---
11	Mt. Gilead	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Virgil Glover, R-1, Casar	12	6	4	111	31	142	4	8	----	----	----	423
12	Mt. Hebron	Rural		1,2,3,4		6	0	4	128	42	170	1	26	*	**	**	1,560
13	Mt. Vernon	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	26	4	4	204	64	268	1	13	**	**	**	3,210
14	Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	1,2,3,4	R. T. Burger, 308 Martin St., Shelby	34	6	9	179	19	198	2	----	*	----	----	1,200
15	Mull's Chapel	Rural	1871	2,4	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	1	1	----	----	----	----	1	7	**	**	**	1,000
16	Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	1,2,3,4	Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	3	6	7	123	83	206	2	66	*	*	----	3,120
17	Olive Grove	Rural	1884	1,2,3,4	Ray Caldwell, R-3, Lincolnton	1	3	7	160	73	233	2	6	**	**	**	--- ---
18	Philadelphia	Rural	1952	1,3	C. C. Reece, China Grove	0	0	0	45	0	45	2	----	**	**	**	614
19	Pisgah	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Paul C. Ross, Casar	8	4	5	138	28	166	2	----	*	----	----	2,880
20	Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2,4	John H. Smart, R-1, Box 347, Connelly Spgs.	4	1	3	86	21	106	2	5	**	**	**	675
21	St. John's	Rural	1842	1,2,3,4	Jason Stilwell, R-4, Hickory	8	2	3	----	----	97	----	13	----	----	----	1,405
22	St. Paul	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	0	4	20	----	----	470	2	30	**	**	**	1,560
23	Shoup's Grove	Rural	1892	1,2,3,4	Joe Richards, Icard	10	1	2	170	47	217	2	30	*	**	**	2,885
24	Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	1,2,3,4	W. L. Blanton, Route 1, Casar	9	1	5	----	----	102	3	21	**	**	----	1,580
25	South Fork	Rural	1937	1,2,3,4	Gordon Crump, R-4, Hickory	0	2	1	79	12	91	2	20	**	*	**	2,600
26	Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	1,2,3,4	Floyd Beaver, R-3, Lincolnton	21	4	5	99	44	143	3	19	**	**	**	1,590
27	Wilkie's Grove	Rural	1894	1,2,3,4		3	----	1	----	----	166	1	11	*	**	----	1,530
28	Zion Hill	Rural	1859	1,2,3,4	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	9	7	7	178	73	251	2	28	*	**	**	1,425
29	Zoar	Rural	1937	1,3	Marshel Black, Crouse	5	7	0	55	23	78	2	1	----	----	----	480
					TOTALS	231	125	142	2916	776	4192	55	466				$40,427

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational Supt.: Charles Townsend. Address: R-1, Connelly Sprgs.

	CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People. Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted in Classes Al Departments	Grand Total Sday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Sdy	Number Training Schools
1	Abee's Chapel	G. W. Abee, R-1, Box 348, Connelly Springs	18	----	27	25	24	22	----	19	20	57	----	13	225	175	90	85	----	----
2	Berea	Chas. Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs	9	21	15	17	29	23	20	19	13	33	11	0	210	125	143	123	*	2
3	Beulah	L. E. Willis, R-1, Box 253, Connelly Springs	----	----	12	17	18	29	----	21	----	25	----	----	122	75	69	65	----	----
4	Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsey, R-4, Morganton	----	----	5	----	3	10	7	----	16	10	----	----	51	40	----	----	**	----
5	Corinth	Joe R. White, R-1, Casar	0	0	25	14	17	12	16	0	0	55	0	0	139	76	54	----	**	0
6	Drowning Creek	Roy Tucker, P. O. Box 225, Rhodhiss	0	10	10	10	16	12	15	0	0	31	0	0	98	75	91	80	*	0
7	Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Box 870, Hickory	----	21	29	16	37	24	12	58	----	37	----	----	234	112	121	104	**	----
8	Hildebran View	Walter Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	14	0	14	10	0	0	18	0	0	5	55	45	----	----	**	0
9	Midway	Les Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs	0	0	6	12	12	12	6	0	28	0	0	0	76	50	0	0	**	0
10	Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
11	Mt. Gilead	Thomas Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	0	33	0	17	15	14	0	0	32	0	0	111	80	63	50	**	0
12	Mt. Hebron	J. M. Shell, R-1, Box 57, Connelly Springs	0	12	13	22	23	24	0	0	40	47	0	3	184	108	68	60	*	0
13	Mt. Vernon	Blair Wesson, R-2, Vale	0	22	31	23	41	17	20	43	----	70	----	4	271	175	117	102	**	0
14	Mt. Zion	Coland Bridges, R-1, Casar	----	20	21	15	22	15	17	----	34	35	----	----	179	122	105	100	**	0
15	Mull's Chapel	Clyde McClurd, Rostan St., Valdese	0	4	7	13	6	9	16	----	21	14	0	0	90	65	43	37	**	0
16	Oak Ridge	Billy Evans, R-2, Connelly Springs	----	21	13	21	36	28	25	54	21	54	12	4	289	142	102	85	*	0
17	Olive Grove	Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar	----	----	13	12	11	24	----	33	----	25	----	----	140	118	104	95	**	0
18	Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R-1, Box 288, Connelly Springs	0	0	17	0	10	0	12	20	0	10	----	0	69	35	0	0	**	0
19	Pisgah	J. C. Buff, Casar	0	13	13	16	21	16	19	----	30	28	8	5	169	132	125	118	*	0
20	Pleasant Grove	Santas Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	5	9	25	18	13	----	----	50	----	5	0	125	95	0	0	**	0
21	St. John's	Frank Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	**	0
22	St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Casar	0	0	22	27	30	48	19	21	----	124	0	6	297	173	130	104	**	0
23	Shoup's Grove	Burlon Lowman, Icard	0	17	18	37	28	32	47	----	----	46	0	5	230	152	88	84	*	1
24	Smart's Grove	James Belle, 601 Martin St., Shelby	----	9	13	7	13	----	26	----	----	51	----	4	118	95	60	51	**	0
25	South Fork	Bobby Page, Hildebran	----	----	23	18	22	17	19	----	12	----	----	1	126	89	65	62	**	0
26	Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, R-4, Box 375, Morganton	0	0	16	12	29	33	13	34	2	45	0	0	184	130	85	76	**	0
27	Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, R-4, Hickory	0	0	24	14	22	23	14	----	24	34	----	----	155	119	----	----	----	0
28	Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	0	43	22	19	45	12	17	17	79	0	5	259	188	101	89	*	0
29	Zoar	Lester Lail, R-3, Lawndale	----	----	----	15	7	7	22	----	7	24	----	----	82	55	36	29	**	0
		TOTALS	27	175	459	410	545	520	371	339	353	966	36	55	4288	2846	1860	1599	----	3

* Denotes Yes ** Denotes No

Table C TRAINING UNION

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational Director: Joe Richards. Address: Icard

	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT													
			Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Observe Youth Week?
1	Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Box 11, Connelly Springs	13	3	8	15	19	17	14	21	----	2	112	74	**
2	Drowning Creek	Roy Speagle, 509, 2nd Ave., Hickory	0	5	4	8	4	0	8	0	18	5	52	34	**
3	Henry River	Thornal Seagle, 135-37th St., Hickory	10	----	----	20	17	12	----	24	----	3	86	53	**
4	Midway	Mrs. Edith Hanna, Box 429, Hildebran	0	7	14	6	13	0	0	14	0	2	56	25	**
5	Mt. Gilead		----	33	0	17	15	14	0	0	32	0	111	80	**
6	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mae Abernethy, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	0	4	7	10	0	0	0	6	2	29	28	**
7	Oak Ridge	Fred Barger, Hickory	----	5	3	14	6	5	12	----	8	2	55	55	*
8	Pisgah	Gene Canipe, R-1, Casar	----	6	6	18	9	9	----	18	----	3	69	52	**
9	Shoup's Grove	James Berry, Jr., R-2, Box 141, Connelly Sprgs.	1	4	8	15	12	----	12	18	----	2	72	66	*
10	South Fork	Bobby Abernethy, R-4, Box 787, Hickory	----	13	----	11	10	----	11	7	----	1	53	39	**
11	Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edna Young, R-4, Hickory	----	9	6	13	9	----	6	5	----	4	52	40	*
		TOTALS	24	85	53	144	124	57	63	107	64	26	747	520	----

* Denotes Yes
** Denotes No

Table D WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational President: Mrs. Brintie Arrowood. Address: R-4, Morganton

	CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
1	Berea	Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	1				1	12				12	
2	Drowning Creek	Mrs. C. H. Kirby, R-5, Box 220, Hickory	1				1	20				20	7
3	Henry River				1		1			16		16	
4	Midway	Mrs. Connie Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs	1	1			2	14	11			25	20
5	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Roy Cook, R-4, Box 334, Morganton	1				2	13		17		30	6
6	Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	1		2	1	4	29		16	17	62	9
7	Oak Ridge	Mrs. Sue Evans, R-2, Connelly Springs	1	1	1	1	4	22	10	11	7	50	25
8	Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	1	1	2	1	5	11	8	21	26	66	12
9	St. Paul	Mrs. Lussie Willis, R-3, Lawndale	1		1	1	3	18		12	14	44	7
10	Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard	1		1		2	19		7		26	
11	Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Jerlene Lane, R-1, Valdese	1		2		3	14		22		36	5
12	Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edna Young, R-4, Hickory	1				1	12		1		12	4
13	Zion Hill	Mrs. Wm. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	1				1	21				21	7
		TOTALS	12	3	10	4	30	205	29	123	64	420	102

Table E BROTHERHOOD WORK

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational Brotherhood

President: Delbert Walker. Address: Box 13, Fallston, N. C.

	CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses	Chrm. Royal Ambassador Co. and Addresses	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enrolment	Grand Total Enrolment
1	Abee's Chapel	Max Lowman, R-1, Box 52-A, Valdese	Ivey Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	35	35	----	15	----	11	26	61
2	Berea		Douglas Justice, Icard	----	----	1	13	1	8	21	21
3	Oak Ridge	Glenn Stephens, R-2, Connelly Springs	Ernest Stephens, R-2, Connelly Springs	25	25	1	15	----	----	15	40
4	Pisgah		Ray Canipe, Casar	----	----	1	16	----	----	16	16
5	St. Paul	Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston		6	6	1	10	----	----	10	16
6	Shoup's Grove	Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard	James Berry, Jr., R-2, Connelly Springs	12	12	1	14	----	----	14	26
7	Walker's Chapel	Elbert Cook, R-1, Valdese	Gene Huffman, R-4, Morganton	7	7	1	18	----	----	18	25
8	Wilkie's Grove	Carless Young, R-4, Hickory		10	10	----	----	----	----	----	10
			TOTALS	95	95	6	101	1	19	120	215

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational Missionary: S. M. Stroupe. Address: Connelly Springs

	CHURCHES	CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Total Music Budget (excluding salaries)	Music Training Course?	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium	Does your church have a library?	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, and Equipment	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Does church have weekday Nurs. school?
1	Abee's Chapel	William Lambert, Valdese	3			*	Broadman	**		$ 40,000					**
2	Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	2	35			Broadman	**		7,500	1,640		5	2%	**
3	Beulah	L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	2	30		**	Broadman	**		15,000					**
4	Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton	1	20		--				8,000	1,713				
5	Corinth	Everette McNeilly, R-1, Casar				**	Broadman	**		13,000					**
6	Drowning Creek	Roy Speagle, 509, 2nd Ave., Hickory	2	20		**	Broadman	**		9,000		109		--60	**
7	Henry River	John Young, Hildebran				**	Modern	*	6,814	31,302	212				**
8	Midway	Mrs. Mae Rhoney, R-2, Connelly Springs	2	35		**	Broadman	**		15,000	686	6,017	3	48	**
9	Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, R-1, Connelly Springs					Broadman			17,837	1,907	284			**
10	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. J. M. Shell, Connelly Springs	1			**	Broadman	*	5,000	20,000					**
11	Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, R-1, Vale	1	20		**	Broadman	**	15,000	31,500	1,500		10	122	**
12	Mt. Zion	Sammie Proctor, R-1, Lawndale		50			Broadman	*			1,594				**
13	Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Rostan St., Valdese	1	20			Broadman								
14	Oak Ridge	Glenn Lowdermilk, Hickory	1	20		**	Broadman	**		50,000	3,560	1,900		90	**
15	Olive Grove	Grier Scism, Casar	1			**		**		10,000					**
16	Philadelphia	Mrs. Edna Kiser, R-1, Connelly Springs				*	Broadman	**		5,000	35				**
17	Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	1			**	Broadman	**		8,000	25,000				**
18	Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsey, R-4, Morganton	2	50		**	Favorite Songs	**		6,000					**
19	St. John's	Mamie McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs	1			**	Favorite Songs	**			567				**
20	St. Paul	Claude Cook, R-1, Casar	1	45				**		34,700	1,500	1,390			**
21	Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Icard	2	35		**	Broadman	**	7,000	22,000	1,230	6,440	20	120	**
22	Smart's Grove	Mrs. Bessie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Sprgs.								5,000					**
23	South Fork	Kenneth Crump, Hildebran	1	30			Broadman	**	4,000	10,000	781	1,689		60	**
24	Walker's Chapel	Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs	2	32	$17	*	Broadman	**		9,000	1,123	656			**
25	Wilkie's Grove	Marilyn Young, R-4, Hickory	1				Broadman	**		30,000		3,333			
26	Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-3, Vale	1	20		**	Broadman	**		45,000	6,000				**
27	Zoar	Paul McDaniel, Casar				**		**		15,000					
		TOTALS	29	462	$ 17				$ 45,814	$474,839	$ 24,048	$ 21,818	38	500	

Table G and H TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational Treasurer: Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, Address: R-2, Connelly Sprgs.

	CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
1	Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese	9,975	560	2,297	------	97	400	269	2,725	93	6,823	2,400	9,223
2	Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs	10,065	240	87	1,640	491	153	200	------	1,014	3,826	1,300	5,126
3	Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 290-1st Ave., Hickory	1,951	140	204	------	107	-----	119	------	252	822	1,085	1,907
4	Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton	2,528	34	76	1,713	40	106	75	------	33	2,077	735	2,812
5	Corinth	Earl Hastings, R-1, Casar	1,516	------	25	------	140	277	213	------	249	904	1,399	2,304
6	Drowning Creek	Roy Speagle, 509-2nd Ave., Hickory.	3,598	240	122	------	386	-----	150	380	522	1,797	1,200	2,997
7	Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory	7,949	------	223	300	260	135	250	1,295	638	3,101	3,570	6,671
8	Midway	Hershel Freeman, Box 23, Hildebran	3,173	127	39	647	224	113	170	483	337	2,140	1,161	3,301
9	Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, R-1, Connelly Springs	-------	------	31	1,907	78	-----	50	66	------	2,054	423	2,478
10	Mt. Hebron	Harold Abernethy, R-1, Connelly Springs	------	240	1,426	------	330	144	60	1,200	244	3,643	1,560	5,203
11	Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	8,669	364	337	235	329	378	236	------	1,727	3,606	3,210	6,816
12	Mt. Zion	Sammie Proctor, R-1, Lawndale	3,811	120	1,215	1,594	207	49	247	------	62	3,494	1,092	4,586
13	Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, Box 66, Hickory	3,840	60	209	------	90	78	140	1,860	----	2,437	1,000	3,672
14	Oak Ridge	Peggy Sherill, Box 132, Connelly Springs	8,788	462	325	1,761	562	338	310	1,800	734	6,285	3,120	9,405
15	Olive Grove	Cleveland Cook, R-1, Casar	4,143	144	1,356	1,094	190	-----	205	------	78	3,067	960	4,027
16	Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	1,656	80	182	------	44	31	113	------	------	80	614	694
17	Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	7,139	260	326	------	390	194	175	------	2,370	3,715	2,705	6,420
18	Pleasant Grove	James Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs	3,071	100	106	------	99	63	75	------	218	661	675	1,336
19	St. John's	Glen Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	-------	230	16	568	65	100	372	------	155	1,526	1,405	2,931
20	St. Paul	Alvin Cook, R-1, Lawndale	10,551	340	273	1,506	436	210	375	2,400	357	5,897	1,670	7,567
21	Shoup's Grove	Garland Seagle, R-2, Connelly Springs	8,364	156	575	1,230	373	352	250	1,260	449	4,645	2,885	7,530
22	Smart's Grove	Mrs. Belle Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	-------	180	------	------	87	-----	339	------	156	762	1,580	2,342
23	South Fork	Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, R-4, Hickory	5,406	144	39	1,013	224	295	287	360	345	2,474	2,600	5,074
24	Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Tessie Wellman, R-4, Morganton	1,312	120	250	------	95	692	421	1,123	------	2,700	1,590	4,290
25	Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edith Martin, R-4, Hickory	5,995	4,415	640	------	266	-----	200	900	175	5,296	1,530	6,826
26	Zion Hill	Mrs. Harlan Smith, R-4, Morganton	5,982	216	182	6,000	219	166	265	------	509	1,557	1,425	2,982
27	Zoar	Mrs. Grady Luckadoo, Casar	2,591	60	116	------	90	45	210	1,183	191	1,894	420	2,314
		TOTALS	$133,073	$ 9,933	$10,677	$21,208	$5,919	$4,219	$5,776	$17,285	$10,209	$77,226	$43,814	$121,291

Association: South Mountain State: North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month): September, 1957

Associational Missionary: S. M. Stroupe. Address: Connelly Springs

	CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
1	Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	50	25	25	50	98	50	50	----	348	9571
2	Berea	Paul Robinson, R-1, Connelly Springs	363	134	----	15	40	----	92	134	----	780	5906
3	Beulah	Mrs. Hettie Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	8	----	9	----	7	----	10	10	----	44	1951
4	Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, R-4, Morganton	45	37	20	----	----	----	56	20	10	188	3000
5	Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar	120	----	----	----	----	----	18	21	53	212	2516
6	Drowning Creek	Mrs. O. L. Tolbert, Jr., R-5, Hickory	----	60	6	16	87	3	----	24	124	320	3317
7	Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Henry River	----	----	----	2	1030	----	18	16	100	1186	7857
8	Midway	Mrs. Roland Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs	35	16	11	10	11	----	----	10	40	133	3434
9	Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Bessie Chapman, R-1, Connelly Springs	15	----	7	----	----	----	7	16	----	45	2523
10	Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Merita McDowell, R-1, Connelly Springs	75	60	15	----	----	15	27	45	54	291	5494
11	Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	658	108	123	46	136	13	65	70	40	1259	8075
12	Mt. Zion	Glen Parker, Box 37, Casar	121	----	10	----	----	----	88	----	17	236	4822
13	Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, R-1, Connelly Springs	15	----	30	----	50	----	75	50	25	245	3917
14	Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Gross, R-2, Connelly Springs	325	90	17	16	40	----	51	100	----	639	10004
15	Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, R-1, Casar	19	----	----	----	----	----	50	35	11	115	4142
16	Philadelphia	Mrs. Sallie Reep, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	10	10	----	----	----	23	----	43	737
17	Pisgah	Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar	100	81	24	120	152	----	200	100	----	770	7190
18	Pleasant Grove	Annie Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	25	----	25	1361
19	St. John's	Isabell Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	----	----	----	----	90	150	----	240	3171
20	St. Paul	R. A. Brackett, R-1, Casar	234	200	47	13	22	10	50	75	100	751	8318
21	Shoup's Grove	Maggie Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	541	93	28	4	28	----	28	27	85	834	8364
22	Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, R-1, Morganton	----	----	50	----	----	----	----	50	549	649	2991
23	South Fork	Mrs. Doshie Burns, Box 819, Hickory	----	89	100	11	8	----	72	50	----	284	5358
24	Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Gene Huffman, R-4, Morganton	15	13	----	37	2	----	102	32	----	210	4500
25	Wilkie's Grove	Carolyn Young, R-4, Hickory	110	60	41	93	40	13	48	53	54	512	7338
26	Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs	85	120	55	20	44	8	38	37	32	439	3421
27	Zoar	Everette Costner, Casar	38	----	----	----	----	----	11	18	45	112	2426
		TOTALS	2922	1211	628	438	1747	160	1246	1241	1339	10910	131744

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FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

1958

FIRST DAY.....ST. JOHN'S
SECOND DAY.....OAK RIDGE
October 16-17, 1958

NORTH CAROLINA

1959 Session will be held on Thursday and
Friday after the second Sunday in
October (October 15-16)

First Day.....Berea
Second Day.....Beulah

Edsel Mull will preach Doctrinal Sermon
Grady McCurry will preach Missionary Sermon

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Officers

Moderator.....Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Vice-Moderator.....W. N. Reece, R-3, Box 146-A, Morganton
Clerk.....Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Treasurer.....Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs
Associational Missionary.....S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs
Sunday School Supt.....Charles Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs
Asst. Sunday School Supt..... ...Roy Tucker, Box 225, Rhodhiss
Vacation Bible School Supt.....Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Asst. Vacation Bible School Supt.....Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Training Union Supt.....Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs
Asst. Training Union Supt.....Earl Church, R-1, Box 11, Connelly Springs
W. M. U. Supt.....Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Asst. W. M. U. Supt....Mrs. W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs
Hospital Rep.....Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Orphanage Rep.....Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale
Home for the Aging Rep.....Tommy Stephens, R-4, Hickory
Evangelism Rep.....T. W. VanHorn, 139-26th St., Hickory
Brotherhood Rep.....Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston
Royal Ambassador Rep.....Ray Canipe, Casar
Pianist.....Bentha Cook, R-1, Casar
Music Director.....Mrs. Boyd Wilson, R-2, Connelly Springs

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Officers

Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale (Mt. Vernon)
Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale (Zion Hill)
W. N. Reece, R-3, Box 146-A, Morganton (Berea)
Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs (Shoup's Grove)
Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton (Walker's Chapel)
Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs (Mt. Hebron)
S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs (Assoc. Miss.)
Charles Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs (Berea)
Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran (Berea)
Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston (St. Paul)

Pastors

Mack Hodge, Bakersville (Abee's Chapel)
W. N. Reece, R-3, Box 146-A, Morganton (Berea)
T. W. VanHorn, 139-26th St. N. W., Hickory (Beulah)
B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro (Carswell Memorial)
G. W. Lynch, R-2, Mill Springs (Corinth)

J. W. Greer, R-2, Granite Falls (Drowning Creek)
Lamont Mayes, Hildebran (Henry River)
Ottas Cook, R-1, Casar (Hildebran View)
Grady McCurry, R-2, Connelly Springs (Midway)
Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory (Mt. Calvary)
Virgil Glover, R-1, Casar (Mt. Gilead)
Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs (Mt. Hebron)
Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale (Mt. Vernon)
W. E. Hill, Box 96, Caroleen (Mt. Zion)
Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs (Oak Ridge)
C. C. Reece, China Grove (Philadelphia)
Paul Ross, Casar (Pisgah)
John H. Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs (Pleasant Grove)
Jason Stilwell, R-4, Hickory (St. John's)
W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar (St. Paul) (Smart's Grove)
Joe Richards, Box 214, Icard (Shoup's Grove)
Floyd Beaver, R-3, Lincolnton (Walker's Chapel)
Tommy Stephens, R-4, Hickory (Wilkie's Grove)
J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale (Zion Hill)
Marshall Black, Crouse (Zoar)

(Note: Also pastors from Mull's Chapel, Olive Grove and South Fork when elected.)

Electives

Otis Lowman, Jr., R-1, Connelly Springs (Abee's Chapel)
Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs (Berea)
L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs (Beulah)
J. E. Lindsey, R-4, Morganton (Carswell Memorial)
Joe White, R-1, Casar (Corinth)
Elwood Caulder, Hickory (Midway)
Wade Cook, R-1, Connelly Springs (Mt. Calvary)
Thomas Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs (Mt. Gilead)
Johnnie Leatherman, R-2, Vale (Mt. Vernon)
Glen Parker, Box 37, Casar (Mt. Zion)
Atley Rhoney, R-4, Hickory (Mull's Chapel)
Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs (Oak Ridge)
Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar (Olive Grove)
J. C. Buff, Casar (Pisgah)
Stanley Willis, R-4, Hickory (St. John's)
J. A. Berry, Jr., R-2, Connelly Springs (Shoup's Grove)
J. C. Mace, R-1, Connelly Springs (Smart's Grove)
Mackie Huffman, R-4, Morganton (Walker's Chapel)
Pearlie Wright, R-3, Lawndale (Zion Hill)
Lester Lail, R-3, Lawndale (Zoar)

(Note Also electives not elected from: Drowning Creek, Henry River, Hildebran View, Mt. Hebron, Philadelphia, Pleasant Grove, St. Paul, South Fork and Wilkie's Grove.)

WOMAN'S MISSIONAY UNION ASSOCIATIONAL

Officers

Superintendent.....Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Asst. Supt.....Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs
Sec.-Treas.....Mrs. Hazel Gantt, R-1, Connelly Springs
Sunbeam Leader.....Mrs. Boyd Wilson, R-2, Connelly Springs
Prayer Chairman.....Mrs. Olin Carpenter, R-2, Connelly Springs
Missions Study Chairman.....Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale
Stewardship Chairman.....Mrs. Cecil Daye, Icard
Community Missions Chrm.....Mrs. Paul Ross, Casar
Literature Chairman.....Mrs. Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs
Margaret Fund Chairman.....Mrs. Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Abee's Chapel — Adele Setzer, Irene Lowman, Nellie Lowman, Lynn Buchanan.
Berea — Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buff, Mrs. Betty Carver, Mrs. Jean Johnson.
Beulah — Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tallent, Arthur Yancey, Mrs. E. A. Rudisill, Mrs. Ronell Lindsey.
Carswell Memorial — John Lindsey, Ellen Poteat, Lucy Moore.
Corinth — H. G. McNeilly, C. S. Botts, Joe White, J. L. Newton, Hugh Canipe.
Drowning Creek — Mrs. H. C. Buckner, Mrs. Catherine Patton, Mrs. Roy Speagle, Mrs. H. C. Kirby.
Henry River — Lamont Mayes, Osco Parker, Charlie Smith, Mrs. Carrie Smart, Maggie Lail.
Hildebran View — Haywood Hoyle, Hilda Hudson, Addie Hudson, Cynthia Hildebran.
Midway — Elwood Caulder, Lester Ritchie, Grady McCurry, C. P. Sain, Dwight Harris.
Mt. Calvary — Mrs. Nona Lowman, Mrs. Hazel Lowman, Mrs. Edith Stilwell, Mary Miller, Mrs. Bessie Turnmyre, Mrs. Irene Lail, Wade Cook.
Mt. Gilead — Mrs. Bill Parker, Alene Parker, Bessie Chapman, Hazel Smith, Ellis Cook.
Mt. Hebron — Will Huffman, Mrs. Will Huffman, Everette Hildebran, Avery Hildebran.
Mt. Vernon — Mrs. Sam Houser, Mrs. D. C. Upton, Ralph Sain, D. M. Tallent, Mrs. A. L. Gantt.
Mt. Zion — Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Cook, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Proctor.
Mull's Chapel — A. L. Rhoney, A. C. Peeler, Clyde McClurd, Jr. Rhoney, Mrs. Ernest Rhoney.
Oak Ridge — Mrs. John Beach, Mr. Duckworth, Billy Evans, Mrs. J. C. Cannon, Mrs. Lucille Gross.

Olive Grove — John Cook, Mrs. Flava Cook, A. T. Spake, P. M. Deal, Mrs. Corene Johnson.
Philadelphia — Mrs. Georgia Brittain, Mrs. Franklin, Richard Franklin, Mrs. Lola Buff.
Pisgah — Mrs. Dock Hastings, Otto Devinney, Mrs. Otto Devinney, N. W. Pruett.
Pleasant Grove — Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin, Joe Walker.
St. John's — Jason Stilwell, Ruby Huffman, Sam Huffman, Frank Hoyle, Mrs. Hazel Gantt.
St. Paul — W. L. Blanton, V. M. Randall, Alvin Cook, Pauline Sailors, Lizzie Mae Hudson.
Shoup's Grove — Mrs. Betty Berry, Mrs. Edna Seagle, Mrs. Lizzie Evans, Mrs. Mildred Richards, Mrs. Florence Seagle, Mrs. Charlsie McGalliard.
Smart's Grove — Norma Abee, Ada Abee, Beulah Lail, Bell Lail, Mr. Gragg.
South Fork — Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, Mrs. Doshie Burns, Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Mrs. Lela Burns, Mrs. Etta Stilwell.
Walker's Chapel — Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, Mackie Huffman, Carleen Beaver, Milas Huffman, Maggie Cook.
Wilkie's Grove — Tommy Stephens, Earl Wright, Mrs. Mildred Clark, Mrs. Alice Wilkie, Mrs. Edna Young, Mrs. Merdun Young.
Zion Hill — Will Hudson, Jewel Hudson, Fred Sain, Marshall Buff, Mrs. Ralph Stroupe.
Zoar — Marshall Black, Plato Hull, Carlos Rich, Lester Lail, Grady Luckadoo, Johnnie Spake.

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote

and hold office until their successors are elected.

8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of the associational officers and the pastor of each church, along with one member from each church, elected by the church. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.
    (b) The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting, at the call of the Moderator, soon after the annual session of the Association. At this meeting, such committee shall be appointed as is necessary to carry on the work of the Association.
    (c) Special and standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
    (d) The Moderator shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between sessions of the annual Association.
13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
14. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950-1958

1950—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; A. V. Ledford, N. S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L. A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W. H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; B. R. Holbrook, Vice-Modera; tor; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; A. V. Ledford, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B. R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoupe's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrooks, Clerk; Buren Hasting, J. E. Hoffman Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; Icard, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B. H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J. E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

St. John's and Oak Ridge Churches

October 16-17, 1958

First Day, St. John's, Morning Session

(All reports are found in "Reports Section" in alphabetical order)

1. The session was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts.
2. The congregation sang "Are You Washed In The Blood," led by S. M. Stroupe.
3. An inspirational devotional and welcome to the host church was given by Jason Stilwell, who spoke from Acts 1.
4. The presentation of the program was made by Lucille Upton and it was adopted with the Moderator given the right to make necessary changes that might arise.
5. The Clerk made the Roll Call of churches and the Executive Committee Report, which was adopted.
6. Vacation Bible School Report was given by Virgil Buff, who spoke to his report. It was adopted.
7. Charles Townsend gave the Sunday School Report, which was adopted.
8. The Training Union Report, given by Joe Richards, was spoken to by him and adopted.
9. At this time, Mt. Calvary was given fellowship into the Association by the Moderator, at the motion of S. M. Stroupe.
10. Visitors recognized at this time included Will Berry and S. A. Carswell from Theron Rankin Association.
11. The Moderator appointed Committee on Committees, consisting of Ralph Berry, chairman; Delbert Walker and S. M. Stroupe.
12. The Treasurer's Report, given by Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, was adopted.
13. Joe Richards presented the budget for 1958-59 for consideration second day.
14. S. M. Stroupe, Associational Missionary, spoke on the qualifications for an associational missionary as presented at Caswell.
15. The congregation was led in singing, "To The Work," by Lamont Mayes.
16. The Doctrinal Message was delivered by J. E. Hoffman, who spoke on "One Faith, One Lord and One Baptism." His message was very inspirational and enlightening.

17. The hymn "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men" was sung by the congregation, led by Lamont Mayes.
18. The meeting was adjourned for lunch by the host pastor, Jason Stilwell.

Afternoon Session — First Day

19. The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts.
20. The congregation sang "I Am Thine O Lord," led by Jenks Brittain.
21. C. C. Reece gave the devotional from Matthew 27.
22. Committee on Committees Report was given by Ralph Berry and adopted.
23. Edsel Mull gave Christian Education Report and introduced J. A. McLeod, Mars Hill College, and Lawson Allen, Gardner-Webb College, who spoke on this subject. Adopted.
24. Religious Literature Report was given by W. N. Reece, who spoke to his report. It was adopted.
25. Baptist Orphanage Report was given by Ralph Berry in absence of Ray Caldwell. This report was adopted after spoken to by Marse Grant.
26. The Baptist Hospital Report, given by Julius Hildebran, was adopted and was spoken to by S. M. Stroupe and Bob Garner, chaplain of the Hospital.
27. Grady McCurry presented the American Bible Society Report and it was adopted.
28. Home for Aging Report was given by J. E. Hoffman. It was adopted after being spoken to by C. P. Burchette of the Baptist Homes.
29. The meeting was adjourned for the first day by Tommy Stephens.

Second Day — Oak Ridge

1. The second day's session was called to order by Paul Crotts, Moderator.
2. Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" was sung by the congregation, led by T. W. VanHorn.
3. The devotional was given by Ralph Berry, host pastor, who welcomed the delegation to Oak Ridge. His message was from Romans 8: 1-9.
4. Roll call of churches was made by the Clerk and the following visitors were recognized: Mr. and Mrs. Will Berry, Theron Rankin Association; R. P. Hamby, Catawba River Association; Mr. Wayside, Theron Rankin Association; Dr. Herman Iley, State Board, Raleigh; Cleve Wilkie, State Mission Board, Raleigh.

5. T. W. VanHorn gave the Evangelism Report. He spoke to his report and it was adopted.
6. The Moderator, Paul Crotts, asked body to appoint J. E. Hoffman to serve as Moderator as he was to bring Missionary Message. Approved.
7. Associational Missions Report was given by S. M. Stroupe and adopted.
8. State Missions Report was given by Ralph Berry and adopted after spoken to by Dr. Herman Iley of the State Baptist Convention.
9. Mack Hodge gave the Home Missions Report in absence of B. B. Brooks. It was adopted and spoken to by Cleve Wilkie of the State Mission Board, and who serves in the Canton area.
10. Paul Ross gave the Foreign Missions Report and it was adopted.
11. Mrs. Brintie Arrowood made the announcement that the W. M. U. Leadership Conference for the Association would be held at Abee's Chapel on October 28.
12. The congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him," led by T. W. VanHorn.
13. The Missionary Message was delivered by Paul Crotts, who spoke very timely on missions as defined in Matthew 24, Matthew 28 and Mark 16.
14. The following miscellaneous matter was discussed and acted upon:

    T. W. VanHorn presented matter of evangelistic campaign of the Association and moved that the body add $500 to the 1958-59 budget for the purpose of conducting such a campaign. This motion was adopted.
15. The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight," led by T. W. VanHorn.
16. Mack Hodge adjourned the meeting for lunch.

Afternoon Session — Second Day

17. The meeting was called to order by Paul Crotts, Moderator.
18. T. W. VanHorn led the congregation in singing "Tell It To Jesus."
19. The devotional was given by Floyd Beaver from 1 John.
20. W. M. U. Report was given and spoken to by Mrs. Brintie Arrowood. This report was adopted.
21. Brotherhood Report was given by Delbert Walker and adopted.
22. Royal Ambassadors Report was made by Paul Ross, in absence of Ray Canipe, and adopted.
23. There was no report on Temperance and Public Morals and the group voted to allow Delbert Walker prepare such a report and give to the Clerk, to be placed in the minutes. R. P. Hamby, from the Theron Rankin Association, spoke on this subject.

24. J. W. Greer read the names of the Obituary Column and delivered an address in their memory.
25. The Business Session consisted of the following reports and transactions:
    (1) Nominating Committee Report—J. E. Hoffman.
    (2) Time, Place and Preacher Report—T. W. VanHorn.
    (3) Resolutions Committee Report—Lucille Upton.
    (4) Budget Committee Report—Joe Richards.

    All of these reports were adopted, including a motion from the Budget Committee that the Associational Missionary be given a courtesy card for purchasing gasoline to be used in his work.
26. The session was adjourned by S. M. Stroupe and the forty-eighth annual session of the South Mountain Baptist Association came to a close.

REPORTS

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Southern Baptist plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, in 1959-1964, remind us that in every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first!

The Bible is a must in Missions and Evangelism. If the people of the world are to know Jesus Christ, the One Hope of men and nations, they must have the Bible.

It is the one basic source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool; he uses it in all his work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go. It can stay when he must leave and keep on speaking to a person's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own language, but in most countries the people cannot afford even the cost of printing the Scriptures.

The American Bible Society helps to translate the Bible, publishes without note or comment and distributes without profit, usually below cost, for worldwide mission work.

For the blind, it supplies Scriptures, at a small fraction of cost, in raised-letter systems and on talking book records. The Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists and serves every form of Southern Baptist Mission Work at home and abroad.

During 1957 the American Bible Society distributed throughout the world nearly 15 million volumes of Scriptures and donated more than one million Scripture volumes for distribution by chaplains to our Armed Forces, as a vital link between the home churches and the men in service.

Southern Baptists support the work.

Because the Bible Society serves Mission Work and because

Southern Baptist Missionaries depend on the Society for Scriptures they need for distribution to their people, in 1957 Southern Baptist Churches gave $118,815 to the American Bible Society but still stood in second place, exceeded by Methodist gifts of $136,499.

The help of every Southern Baptist Church is needed. Here are some suggestions on how your church may give:

Country and village churches $10 to $25.

Churches in small cities $25 to $100.

Larger churches $100 to $200.

Has your church given yet?

Respectfully submitted,
Grady McCurry

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The District Association holds an important place in Missions at home and abroad.

Twenty-nine Churches make up our South Mountain Baptist Association.

Missionary Churches use their Association in two important ways: First, to reach people in their church community; second, to reach people beyond their church community.

How Associational Missions Is Supported—

1. It is supported through your prayers and the prayers of other people all over your District Association.
2. Your Associational Mission Program is supported by you attending the associational meetings. These meetings are for you and are designed to help you in your work and to help you get acquainted with other Christian workers.
3. Associational Missions is supported by your willingness to cooperate when called upon. It is a great honor to serve Christ in the many ways you can help in your District Association.
4. The fourth way that you can support Associational Missions is through your money. You can do this by giving your tithes and offerings in your church and your church giving monthly to Associational Missions and through the Cooperative Program to World Missions.

The better we make our programs in our local churches in the South Mountain Baptist Association, the more we can do beyond our own borders.

We are all humbly grateful for God's great and marvelous blessings this year.

Your Missionary,
S. M. Stroupe

BROTHERHOOD

One of the most encouraging signs on the spiritual horizon in North Carolina is the awakening of our Baptist men to their Christian responsibilities. To lead the men of North Carolina Baptist Churches into the realization of the obligations and privileges of Church Membership and to provide a medium through which they can serve are the chief functions of a Brotherhood.

The full enlistment and utilization of the men for Christ is the greatest challenge facing North Carolina Baptists. Our churches are suffering today, not because they are over-organized but because they are undermanned.

Only eight of every one hundred of our Baptist men are familiar with Christ's Program through a Baptist Church and Denomination. Out of every one hundred Baptist men only forty have definite responsibilities and definite places of service through the Church. We find twelve New Testament tithers out of each one hundred of our men. Only three out of each one hundred have caught the concept of being witnesses and personal soul winners. The need of the enlistment of this host of men is undisputed. The church needs the men. No church will ever reach the maximum possibilities of its ministry without the full enlistment of its men with their lives and talents consecrated to its service.

We believe that God is blessing Brotherhood work because He has a very definite and far reaching task for the men in North Carolina to accomplish. Surely as we look at the world today we can truthfully say that our world needs that which Christian men can give to it. The Brotherhood reaches a number of men including new members of the church who have no responsibility in the church's life. Men find tasks in the Brotherhood that they can perform for Christ, and they discover a joy in performing them.

It is very encouraging to Brotherhood leaders to see the increased number of men who seek training and instruction at Annual Associational Brotherhood Clinics, State and District Brotherhood Conferences and Summer Encampments.

One of the greatest challenges of the Brotherhood is the sponsorship of the Royal Ambassadors. This began on October 1, 1957. During the past summer we have seen a new resurgence of interest in Royal Ambassador work as well as Brotherhoods.

The Brotherhood is built upon four Cornerstones: EVANGELISM, STEWARDSHIP, BIBLE DOCTRINE and CHURCH LOYALTY. The four major areas of activity suggested for 1958 are: Boys, Evangelism, Stewardship and Co-operative Program.

There are 75 District Associations in North Carolina. Seventy-three of these Associations have from one to fifty-two Brotherhoods in them.

Number of Associational Brotherhood organizations, 68.

Number of Brotherhoods in the state, 1,189.

The following churches in South Mountain Association have

Brotherhoods: Abee's Chapel, Midway, Oak Ridge, Pisgah, Shoupe's Grove, Walker's Chapel and Wilkie's Grove.

The Annual State Brotherhood Convention will be held in Durham this year on November 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Delbert Walker

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1958-1959

Missionary's Salary	$1,200.00
Missionary expense	480.00
Clerk Salary	100.00
Treasury expenses	50.00

Promotion of Organizations

Sunday School	50.00
Training Union	50.00
Woman's Missionary Union	50.00
Brotherhood and R.A.'s	50.00
Vacation Bible School	75.00
Pastor's Conference	25.00
Material for Printing	200.00
For printing Minutes	375.00
Other necessary items	200.00
Evangelistic Crusade	500.00
Total expense	$3,405.00

The Finance Committee suggests $1.00 per resident member for the support of the Associational budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joe Richards
Mrs. Betty Sue Berry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In presenting information to our Baptist people on the work in our seven colleges, we are never sure that we answer those questions uppermost in their minds.

We have seven Baptist colleges in North Carolina: two senior colleges, Wake Forest and Meredith; and five junior colleges, Mars Hill, Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb and Wingate. All these Baptist colleges are fully accredited by our N. C. College Conference and the Southern Association of Colleges.

These are good colleges, not only from an academic standpoint, but they are Christian in purpose and motivation. We be-

lieve these colleges embody the "Seven Marks of a Christian College" as follows:

1. Christian Ownership.
2. Christian Administration.
3. Christian Ideals.
4. Christian Students.
5. Christian Faculty.
6. Christian Teachings.
7. Christian Service.

All of our colleges major in the Liberal Arts and Sciences. Senior colleges accept credits from junior colleges. One-eighth of all students enrolled in North Carolina's colleges are enrolled in our Baptist colleges.

Estimated yearly cost for attending junior colleges is $800; for senior colleges, $925 for Meredith and $1070 for Wake Forest. Financial aid is available to every student who merits and needs help.

Respectfully submitted,
Edsel Mull, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Charles Townsend, Betty Sue Berry, Paul Crotts

Program Committee

S. M. Stroupe, Delbert Walker, Julius Hildebran

Resolutions Committee

Lucille Upton, Mrs. Paul Crotts, Mrs. Flo Buff

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry, Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met four times since the fall session of the Association, each meeting being held at Zion Hill. The following are some of the highlights of these meetings:

1. On November 7, the first of these meetings, there was a very large attendance and Mr. Stroupe, the Associational Missionary, expressed gratitude for the good interest shown in the associational work. Also at this meeting a committee was

appointed to investigate and purchase a mimeograph machine for the Association.

2. The next meeting was held on January 2, at which time plans were made for the Spring Session and a Program Committee elected. This same committee was elected to serve for the fall session.
3. The third meeting held on April 10 was concerned mostly with the matter of changing the number required for a quorum. There was not enough present to transact business and the group merely made several recommendations to be voted upon at the Spring Session. One such matter was that of having a map made of the Association. This was later done and they are now available for those in need of them.
4. The final meeting, which was held September 19, dealt mainly with plans for the fall session. At this meeting, the group voted to invite Mr. Stroud of the Music Department of the State Board to hold a meeting in the interest of associational music. Mr. Reece of Berea asked the body to meet at Berea and this meeting was held on October 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the heart of God's work on earth. It must be in the foreground of all our endeavors in the churches and in the association if we follow the New Testament pattern. Every Christian's greatest privilege and responsibility is to let Jesus Christ work in and through us to evangelize the world. This is the Great Commission and to carry out the Great Commission is to do the work of evangelism.

What are we doing in response to this high call from God? Let us look briefly at the record.

All churches in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina last year had a ratio of baptisms to membership of 1 to 25. This means that on an average last year it took 25 church members a whole year to win one person to Christ. This record isn't anything that it should be. But it does represent an increase in baptisms of 4% over the preceding year. Total baptisms reported in the state in 1956 were 32,468, and in 1957 they were 33,796.

In the South Mountain Association last year the ratio of baptisms to church membership was 1 to 179. That is it took 179 members to win one to Christ. Total baptisms reported in our association in 1957 were 232.

In 1957 in our association 25 churches reported baptisms while 4 churches reported none.

The number of people won to Christ and baptized into the fellowship of the churches gives only a partial picture of the work of evangelism in the churches. The remainder of the picture is

seen in what happens to the converts after baptism. Here statistics are not so easily compiled. But the number who will be won to Christ and baptized in the future is dependent upon the maturing of those being baptized now. A Christian grows only as he or she participates in witnessing for Christ. Thus the program of evangelism in a church consists of winning people to Christ and keeping them enlisted in the total work of redemption.

Next year we face an unparalled opportunity to lead all the people in the churches to engage in the total work of redemption by going all the way in cooperation in the continent-wide simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. This Crusade will be the biggest concerted effort ever made to win the North American continent to Christ and to experience new depths of dedication to Christ on the part of all church members. Seven major Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada are cooperating in this Crusade. These conventions are composed of 75,000 churches which have 19,000,000 members. Here is an opportunity like we have never faced before to get into the stream of God's redeeming purpose. Surely every church in this association will want to be a part of this great effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. T. W. VanHorn

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign missions has but one message, the message of the Cross. The Foreign Missions Board accepts the Bible as the inspired Word of God, Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, The Great Commission as their Marching Orders, the Holy Spirit as Guide and Companion. The ministry to neglected peoples, minority groups and the spiritually underprivileged throughout the world can be carried on only so long as the more fortunate are willing to use those material blessings, which the Lord so graciously bestows upon them, to His honor and glory. We will continue to grow and remain united only as we prove to be good stewards in His vineyard. Our task is on a world scale. Each church in our association has a world-wide responsibility. The smallest church in the association as well as the largest can give, sharing both their material wealth and their spiritual wealth. Lest we forget, prayer is as essential to the successful ministry of world missions as is money. Each individual Christian in each church in our association has, and is reminded of, his responsibility to pray daily for those whose lives are dedicated to the joyful task of carrying the Message of Salvation to every nation.

With all our efforts, the fields are truly white unto the harvest, and the laborers are too few. In most countries where we have active mission work, we have only established beachheads. In Japan only one-half of one per cent of the 89,000,000 people of that country claim to be Christians. The map of Africa is a chal-

lenge as we look at the limited areas of Southern Baptist work on that vast continent. In countries such as South America with its teeming millions; Mexico, where other millions await the Gospel; and in other nations dominated by Catholicism our task has been made doubly difficult. Though our work, our gifts, and our prayers increase from year to year, our task increases more rapidly than our efforts. The opportunities we have to share in World Missions are many. Through the Cooperative Program, the opportunity to increase our gifts is ever present. We can also share in the special offerings asked of us each year. One wonderful way to express our love to God is to increase our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in each church. This offering was begun in 1888, and named in honor of Miss Lottie Moon, who labored for many years in China. The first offering amounted to $3,000. This offering has grown to approximately $6,000,000 last year. We are confident that this amount will be exceeded this year. Without this offering, many souls would still be un-won, many missions would not have been established, a great many needs would have been unmet.

We must never be content to look back upon achievements in days and years gone by. Our task is today. Our challenge is for the future. May God in His Wonderful Love inspire this body and the many churches it represents to greater and more determined efforts to ever increase World Missions. We must arise and lay hand to the opportunities and responsibilites of this generation.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul C. Ross

HOME MISSIONS

The territory of the Home Mission Board includes the homeland and outlying dependencies.

Baptists have made wonderful progress in practically all areas of this vast territory. Space will not permit to give a complete report of Home Mission work as is found in the 1958 Baptist annual.

Home Mission Magazine also gives much information concerning the work being done in our homeland by Home Missions. Home Mission Magazine can be had at small cost and should be in our church budget, or in every Baptist home.

Through Home Missions Baptists have a glorious opportunity of giving the Gospel to thousands of foreigners who come to our shores and congregate in our large cities.

Other phases of Home Mission work take in city missions, mountain missions, Alaska, broken homes, military personnel, correspondence Bible courses, rescue missions and juvenile delinquency.

Also much work has been done for the deaf and Indians in

our midst. Therefore opportunity is great for Baptist Mission work in our homeland. God can give us a glorious victory in our Home Mission field—a field ripe unto harvest providing our churches to

1. Get a vision of the need.
2. Give ourselves to prayer.
3. Give necessary financial support.
4. Send more missionaries.

Let the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine to every place of darkness in our homeland. There is only one way, and that is through His people.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. Brooks

HOMES FOR AGING

The Homes For Aging are now in their eighth year of operation—Resthaven opened March 16, 1951; the Albemarle Home, December 7, 1953; and the Administration Building, Winston-Salem, June 13, 1957. The three homes have facilities for 119—counting residents and helpers. The average number of residents will exceed 100.

Efforts were launched in June to raise $100,000 to match a gift of Mr. Don G. Matthews, Sr., of $50,000 and land on which to build a fourth Home For The Aging to be located at Hamilton in Martin County. It is expected that the campaign will be successfully completed this year, and the construction of the new home will then begin. This home will provide facilities for approximately forty residents, giving a total capacity for all four homes of 150 persons.

The homes have had a good year financially. The auditors' report for the year ending September 30, 1957 showed that the income was $268,924.58. When the new Administration Building was ready for occupancy, $103,000 was borrowed to finish paying for construction and equipment. All of this has been repaid except $20,000. Funds received from the Special Day Offering and the Cooperative Program have helped to meet the current cost of operation. The homes have also received help from individual and corporation gifts. The largest individual gift for the year was $40,000.

A large number of the residents have been aided financially. Less than ten per cent of the residents have given to the homes assets sufficient to pay their cost of keep for life. Thirteen residents have paid the monthly rate, which is less than the actual cost to the homes. Most of the residents are paying one-third to one-half of their cost of keep. This means, therefore, that the difference in cost is taken from funds received from denominational channels and special gifts by individuals and corporations.

Our program of ministering to the aging presents a great chal-

lenge to the 850,000 Baptists of our state. We think, first, of the ever-increasing number of aging friends needing larger dormitory facilities; and, secondly, of doubling the capacity of our infirmary in the Administration Building. It now accommodates fifteen patients, but we should have space for at least thirty. It is estimated that elderly people will become invalids at the rate of ten per cent annually. There have been times when we did not have sufficient room for those who needed to be in the infirmary. Our aging friends must look to our Baptist constituency to meet these pressing needs.

With gratitude to all who have made our present homes possible—churches, individuals and corporations—and with confidence that the Baptsits of North Carolina will continue to care for these "old soldiers" of Christ in a deserving way, we look to the future with great hope.

NOTE: The Rev. Charles P. Burchette, Jr., began working with the Baptist Homes For Aging in May, and is living at the Albemarle Baptist Home. He will devote his efforts in the field of promotion and public relations, and will be ready to answer invitations to speak at churches and group meetings as the opportunities are given to him.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Mother's Day Offerings are greatly needed this year. The needs for assistance have been far beyond the offerings and we have not been able to give as much help as was needed in many cases. We have been able to help great numbers of our people, however, through the Mother's Day Offerings last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Julius Hildebran

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Paul Crotts
Vice-Moderator—W. N. Reece
Clerk—Mrs. Frank Hicks
Treasurer—Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Associational Missionary—S. M. Stroupe
Sunday School Superintendent—Charles Townsend
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent—Roy Tucker
Vacation Bible School Representative—Virgil Buff
Assistant Vacation Bible School Representative—Mrs. Virgil Buff
Training Union Representative—Edsel Mull
Assistant Training Union Representative—Earl Church

W. M. U. Representative—Mrs. Brintie Arrowood
Assistant W. M. U. Representative—Mrs. W. M. Hudson
Hospital Representative—Julius Hildebran
Orphanage Representative—Miss Lucille Upton
Home for the Aging Representative—Tommy Stephens
Evangelism Committee—T. W. VanHorn, Joe Richards, Paul Ross
Brotherhood Representative—Delbert Walker
Royal Ambassador Representative—Ray Canipe
Pianist—Bentha Cook
Musical Director—Mrs. Boyd Wilson
Region 8 Committee—Delbert Walker, Lloyd Childers, Ray Canipe

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman, Chairman

ORPHANAGE

First, let us note the changes and expansion of services of the past. June 30, 1958, marked the culmination of 15 years of progressive leadership by W. C. Reed with the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. After serving as superintendent of Kennedy Home for seven years, Mr. Reed moved to Thomasville where he served as general superintendent for eight years. Under his supervision the Children's Homes experienced one of their greatest periods of building, growth and expansion of services. At present North Carolina Baptists probably provide more services for dependent children than any other similar group in America. Those associated with our child care program have, in the 73 years of its history, developed a program which is recognized as one of the best in the nation.

Dr. W. R. Wagoner of North Wilkesboro was elected by the trustees to succeed Mr. Reed. Dr. Wagoner assumed his duties July 1, 1958.

The year 1957-58 has been a fruitful one in expanding services. Since October 1, 1957, North Carolina Baptists have directly served a grand total of 753 children. In addition to these, our social workers have been able to place with relatives or other agencies more than 200 children where their needs are now being met. Each application has been investigated by our case workers. During the past year about one-fourth of the applicants were admitted, as compared with one-fifth admitted in 1956.

Last year's report pointed out the need for the care of the Indian children at Pembroke. At the Baptist State Convention last November it was voted to make the Odum Home at Pembroke a part of the North Carolina Baptist Child Care Program. This work, with 16 children, has been under the care and support of your homes since January 1958. Preparations are being made

to build a new cottage at Pembroke for the Indian children. The money has been set aside for the work.

North Carolina Baptists have two sources for supporting the Children's Homes.

1. Source of giving is a combination of Once-A-Month Offering and the Cooperative Program. Through this plan the homes receive a fixed amount.
2. The other source is the Thanksgiving Offering. Last year our churches were asked for a 10 per cent increase. The churches responded with a 15 per cent increase, which amounted to $31,000 increase.

We have confidence that our people will continue to remember deserving children at Thanksgiving with a generous offering, and most of all remember them in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Caldwell

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The printed page has great power. Its message can go to many places where the spoken word and sermon cannot be heard. Christian literature is a mighty force for good in promoting the Lord's work and in sowing the seeds of righteousness in the minds of people today. The devil is using the power of the printed word as never before. There is a vast flood of bad literature that promotes paganism, worldliness, and downright evil thoughts and deeds. Some of these bad books, periodicals, magazines, often get into Baptist homes. This should not be. Baptists have compelling reasons to seek out and use the fine Christian literature that is to be had today; and surely they ought to read the excellent variety that comes from Baptist presses.

Perhaps no body of people in the world has a finer array of wholesome, inspiring literature for all ages than Baptists. The aim of it all is to inform the people, to unify and enlist them in the Lord's work, to indoctrinate them in Baptist truths, to uphold the Bible and its teachings, and to point out the great sweep of Baptist work that claims the finest efforts of all who serve God in these days. Christian literature must be promoted, read and used by our people in our homes and churches, if the whole program of Christ is to be carried out by Baptists working together.

When the North Carolina Baptist Convention was organized in 1830, its main purpose as stated in its constitution was "the promotion of missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound religious literature."

Our Baptist Sunday School Board has a wide circulation of periodicals. A total of 73,202,763 copies of periodicals were distributed during 1957, as compared with 70,026,237 in 1956—a gain of 3,176,526.

In the Uniform Series of Sunday School lesson quarterlies,

6,736,444 copies of the final quarter's issues in 1956 were distributed. In the Graded Series, 1,189,184 copies were distributed.

Training Union quarterlies in the final quarter of 1957 totaled 3,245,620, with Baptist Adults having the largest circulation, 767,090. Of the monthly magazines, Home Life has reached 800,000 in circulation.

In 1833, the Biblical Recorder was founded, and for 124 years it has borne the true message of Baptist life, growth and thought in North Carolina. It has a noble heritage to preserve, and a high mission to fulfill. No Baptist home or mailbox in North Carolina is outside the reach of the Recorder each week. It ought to be in every Baptist home in our state. The Recorder has three subscription plans, unchanged for years: Individual of single subscriptions are $2.50 a year; subscriptions in the Club Plan are $2.00 a year; and in the Every-Family Plan the rate is only $1.50 a year for each resident home or family in the church.

Please remember in your prayers the Recorder and its staff, as they seek to be of utmost possible service to North Carolina Baptists. They are faithful to their task; and want the Recorder to be a faithful weekly witness and helper in every Baptist home and church in the state. We must all work together in the will of God as we strive to promote every cause dear to the hearts of our Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted,
William N. Reece

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

"We all are blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.
Why build the cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the world
Unless the builder also grows."

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His guidance during the past year, for His leadership in building up Christians in the faith, for progress in the various phases of individual church programs and for affording us another opportunity for assembling together in love and Christian fellowship in our Association.

We sincerely appreciate the magnificant leadership of our officers, leaders and pastors in carrying forward this great work of our Lord. By many hands the work of God is done.

We pledge anew our loyalty, support and wholehearted cooperation to our officers during the coming year in helping to promote and foster our Father's business. To all visitors and

those appearing on our program, who through reports and comments helped to make our associational meeting a greater success, we wish to express our gratitude for their presence and inspiration.

Be it resolved that we, the officers, delegates and visitors of the South Mountain Baptist Association, express to the pastor and to the members of St. John's and Oak Ridge churches our sincere appreciation for the bountiful meals and delightful hospitality so graciously extended to us throughout this session. The true calling of a Christian is not to do extraordinary things but to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton, Chairman

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

The youth in our midst are the makings of the next great world leaders, both in the religious and political world. If they do not have the proper religious training, they cannot be the political leaders that we need. We are the only capable persons to whom they can look for this training, and certainly we must look to God.

We now have some six or seven churches in the association that have RA work, with some 120 members. Out of twenty-nine churches this is not a very good figure. If we are to aid in this great work, set forth and sanctioned by God, we must work to organize more of this type of work.

There were camps for both the junior and the intermediate boys this year. These were held at Fruitland Baptist Assembly. These camps are of great value and importance to the boys. It is here that they can be inspired to give themselves to full time service at home or on foreign soil by the missionaries who have dedicated themselves to the service of God.

May we pray more earnestly and work more fervently in the behalf of the youth of our churches that they will not fail to be the choice leaders for a great nation with God as the real leader.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Canipe

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist and train the saved in giving, living and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

There are 4,500,000 people in the state. About 2,100,000 of these above the age of eight are affiliated with some kind of church. About 2,000,000 above the age of eight years are unchurched. Perhaps 25 per cent of the affiliated church members are unsaved;

then more than 60 per cent of the people of North Carolina, therefore, is not half Christian.

Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, many of the significant phases of our State Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Royal Ambassadors. Over 2,800 Vacation Bible Schools will be reported for 1958—giving $50,000 to World Missions. Over 7,000 of our Baptist people attended Training Union weeks at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer.

Since 60 per cent of the people in North Carolina are lost they need the Saviour. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities. Since the organization of this Department, baptisms have greatly increased. North Carolina Baptist churches baptized more people last year than any other state except Texas.

Pastors Schools are promoted through State Missions. Last year about 175 pastors received better training at Fruitland. Refresher courses are offered at Mars Hill and Chowan Colleges each summer for the benefit of all pastors and their wives. These are just some of the twenty-two ministries that our State Missions provide for.

Will you as an individual through your Sunday School, W. M. U., and Church do your part, so that the first part of the Great Commission might be obeyed—and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might have many more Christians and be more Christian?

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we come to make this annual report to the association.

On behalf of the entire staff of Associational Sunday School officers, let me pledge our adherence to the ideal that our task is one of service. Our only purpose is to help the churches through proper use of their Sunday Schools to reach the lost for Christ and lead the saved to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in daily living.

There were 179 Training Awards reported.

This year our association is reporting 29 churches and 29 Sunday Schools.

We respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That we adopt for this year the theme, "That They Might Have Life."
2. That the Sunday School leadership of each church in our Association be urged to:

Determine to gain a minimum of 10 per cent in enrolment and 15 per cent in attendance.

Move up the pattern of organization by starting new classes and departments.

Start a new Sunday School this year, if need arises.

Follow a weekly visitation plan.

Provide a training program which would include January Bible Study Week, Preparation Week and Operation Home Study.

Hold a Vacation Bible School and conduct a mission Vacation Bible School.

Encourage all Sunday School workers to participate in the regular Associational Sunday School meetings and programs in order that our own work may be strengthened and that, through cooperation, all churches may carry out their divine commission.

3. We suggest that the Executive Committee and the Sunday School Association appoint a nominating committee three or more months in advance of the annual association meeting for the purpose of nominating an associational superintendent of the Sunday School to the Executive Committee for approval and that the newly elected superintendent be given authority to select and enlist the other officers to be presented for approval to the Executive Committee and the Sunday School Association. This procedure is suggested in order to have the Sunday School organization completed and ready to function at the beginning of the associational year.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Townsend

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

Most thoughtful people will admit that we are faced with some serious problems in this country in regard to alcohol. According to reliable estimates, there are more than seven million problem drinkers in the United States. A problem drinker is considered a person who allows alcohol to interfere with his normal life in a serious way. For example, approximately 20 per cent of all industrial absenteeism, costing the country a wage loss of $400,000,000 each year, can be traced to alcohol.

Of course, facts and figures can never tell the whole story. Who can record the open graves dug by liquor, the broken homes wrecked by liquor, the emotional and mental disorder caused by liquor and the loss of ideals, convictions and character because the mind clouded by alcohol was not alert enough to make wise decisions?

Ask the children who have gone hungry when father wasted

the pay check on drink. Ask the wives who have been mistreated by drinking husbands. Ask the husbands who have been deserted by drinking wives. Ask any minister who spends a considerable able amount of his time listening to disturbed persons pour out their tales of woe.

Abstinence is desired in order that others shall not stumble. The Christian should not only refrain from drinking alcohol, he should keep his influence on the dry side in order to influence others toward sobriety.

Christians who want their influence to count for righteousness should stand in opposition to the alcohol industry, but they should extend attitudes of helpfulness and love toward persons engulfed in alcoholism. Only in this way can redemption be brought to multitudes of people.

(Condensed from the Biblical Recorder)

Respectfully submitted,
Delbert Walker

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 15 and 16, 1959.

Place—First Day—Berea.

Place—Second Day—Beulah.

Preacher—Doctrinal Message—Rev. Edsel Mull.

Preacher—Missionary Message—Rev. Grady McCurry

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. N. Reece
Rev. T. W. VanHorn
Willie Hudson

TRAINING UNION

One of the greatest needs in our association is training. The Baptist Training Union seeks to train our members in church membership. This is an organization that cannot be left out of the church program. If a church does not have the Training Union it does not have an organized plan of training. We are trusting that more of our churches will see the need of organized training and do something to meet this need.

Advancements have been made this year in our Associational Training Union work. Beulah Church has organized a Training Union and other Unions have organized new departments. This year a total of 195 awards have been given to six of the eleven

churches with a Training Union. "M" Night and "Youth Night" sparked the highlights of our associational work this year.

May the Holy Spirit lead us into a greater training program in all our churches this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joe Richards

TREASURER

Balance in Treasury October 17, 1957	$ 979.17
State check for missionary	630.00
Associational Collections	1,549.39
	3,158.56

Paid Out

Associational Missionary	900.00
Associational expense of Missionary	270.00
Minutes	349.84
Clerk	113.28
Relief and Annuity	44.00
Printing of Budget	5.00
W. M. U. Work	35.00
Training Union work	2.60
Vacation Bible School	39.41
Sunday School	11.90
Brotherhood	20.00
Shelby Printing Company	49.00
Cleveland Times	79.00
Carolina Office and Equipment (typewriter and mimeograph)	373.68
	2,288.71
Balance in Treasury October 16, 1958	$ 869.85

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Betty Sue Perry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Bible Schools have made their way into the hearts of our South Mountain Baptists. We rejoice in the fact that this year has been one of progress. Only two churches out of the twenty-nine failed to have a school. We owe a debt of gratitude to the

many faithful workers who helped us to be able to report the good success made this year.

We will list a few of the achievements: With the exception of two reports, the total enrolment was 2264. Churches reporting the cost of schools totaled $1576.36. The total mission offering reported and sent to the Cooperative Program was $327.00. This shows that our children are being trained to give to missions. The combined days of Bible teaching in these schools were 150. The children had their greatest year of training. The number of professions of faith in these schools was 66. The number who rededicated their lives to the Lord was 84.

Churches that experienced their first Bible Schools this year were Midway, St. John, and Mt. Calvary. We are glad to report these new schools.

Two other churches which had dropped out for a year came back this year, making five new schools this year.

We had set our goal for one hundred per cent, but came short two churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil Jones Buff
Mrs. Virgil Buff

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"The Field is the World," Matt. 13: 38. All through the ages women have heeded the call to serve in extending the kingdom of God. The year just passed has been no exception. Our women have responded to the call with the result that an increase in many phases of the work has been realized.

We began the year with a Leadership Conference held on October 20 at the Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The 1957-58 Annual Session of the South Mountain Woman's Missionary Union was held at St. Paul Baptist Church with 65 women present. The theme for the meeting was "Ye Shall be my Witnesses." Our guest speakers were Miss Beverly Neilson, State Sunbeam Band Director, and Miss Theresa Anderson of Japan and the Philippines.

When making a report, we realize that people are not interested in figures. But some things cannot be reported without figures. The progress South Mountain Woman's Missionary Union has made can only be realized when we report that there are 308 women and 292 young people enrolled in 39 organizations. 341 women and young people giving through the Cooperative Program and 175 tithers were reported.

The special Weeks of Prayer and offerings were increased this year. The Foreign Mission Offering was $537.21, with $291.09 given to Home Missions. There is a gain in the number of mission books taught and the reading of mission books. Splen-

did reports were given of the work done by the Associational Chairman.

The enlistment this year has been 4 new Woman's Missionary Societies, three G. A's, and two Y. W. A.'s.

But we must never be content to look back upon achievements in days gone by. There is so much to be done. Our task is today, our challenge is for the future. Our desire is that every church will be truly missionary—ever learning, loving, praying and giving that the whole world may hear of the Savior.

Respectfully submitted,
Brintie H. Arrowood

SPRING SESSION — BEREA

April 26, 1958

1. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts.
2. Song, "Work For The Night Is Coming," congregation.
3. Welcome — W. N. Reece.
4. Devotional — Marshal Black.
5. Presentation and adoption of program — J. E. Hoffman.
6. Song, "I Am Thine O Lord," congregation.
7. Roll Call of Churches — Clerk.
8. Associational Outlook — S. M. Stroupe.
9. S. S. possibilities — Charles Townsend.
10. T. U. possibilities — Joe Richards.
11. W. M. U. accomplishments — Mrs. Brintie Arrowood.
12. Brotherhood and R. A. Work — Delbert Walker and T. A. Lineberger.
13. Business session —
    (a) Delbert Walker and J. E. Hoffman presented matter of associational map and body voted to have this made up.
    (b) Jason Stilwell and Joe Richards presented matter of endorsing camp meeting by Percy Ray on George Hildebran School grounds. Motion was made and carried that the Association endorse this meeting with attendance but financial commitments not to be made by the Association.
    (c) Charles Townsend asked for approval of Association to use filmstrips in Sunday School work. Adopted.
    (d) Number of quorum reduced to 15, at suggestion of S. M. Stroupe.
    (e) Adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Night Session

14. Song, "Send The Light," congregation.
15. Devotional—A. H. Parham.
16. V. B. S. Report—Virgil Buff.
17. Baptist Homes Report—J. E. Hoffman.
18. Baptist Hospital Report—Julius Hildebran.
19. Tithing Message—W. N. Reece.
20. Evening Message—Ray Caldwell.
21. Adjourned with prayer.

SPECIAL NOTES BY CLERK

1. There are no missions sponsored by the churches of this Association.
2. There are no assistant pastors or educational directors in the churches of this Association.
3. There are no Visual Education Directors in the churches of this Association.
4. There are no Recreation Directors or Committees in the churches of this Association.
5. There is no Calendar of Activities of the Association at the present time.
6. There were no Kindergartens or Church Day schools in this Association.
7. There were no churches participating in Church Music Month nor any copies of **Church Musician** ordered.

ORDAINED MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN ASSOCIATION

Ralph Abee—Abee's Chapel.....R-1, Connelly Springs
Hansel Bryant—Berea.....R-1, Valdese
Paul Robinson—Berea.....R-1, Connelly Springs
Norris Brittain—Berea.....R-1, Connelly Springs
D. E. Newton—Corinth.....R-1, Mooresboro
Harry Parker—Henry River.....Hildebran
Osco Parker—Henry River.....Hickory
S. M. Stroupe—Mt. Hebron.....Connelly Springs
Sanford Stamey—St. Paul.....(no address)
Ernest Towery—St. Paul.....(no address)

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Hansel Bryant—Berea.....R-1, Valdese

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Paul Robinson—Berea.....R-1, Connelly Springs
Roy Speagle—Drowning Creek..3754 Main Avenue N. W. Hickory
Robert Buff—Hildebran View.....Hickory
Lex Wright—Midway.....R-2, Connelly Springs
Ford Houser—Mt. Vernon.....R-2, Vale

STUDENTS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Ray Canipe—Pisgah.....Casar

MUSICAL DIRECTORS

Abee's Chapel.....Ronda Crawford, Valdese
Berea.....Hansel Bryant, R-1, Valdese
Beulah.....Edgar Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial.....C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton
Corinth.....Everette McNeilly, R-1, Casar
Drowning Creek.....Margaret Allison, R-2, Granite Falls
Hildebran View.....Mr. Collins, Hildebran
Midway.....C. P. Sain, 1026-41st St., Hickory
Mt. Calvary.....Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Mt. Gilead.....Alene Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron.....Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon.....Omar Hoyle, R-2, Vale
Mt. Zion.....Glen Parker, Casar
Mull's Chapel.....Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Roston St., Valdese
Oak Ridge.....Glen Lowdermilk, Hickory
Olive Grove.....Junior Crotts, R-1, Casar
Philadelphia.....Mrs. Margie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah.....Mrs. Robert Bean, Casar
Pleasant Grove.....Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton
St. John's.....Mrs. Mamie Buff, Valdese
St. Paul.....C. H. Cook, R-1, Casar
Shoup's Grove.....Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard
Smart's Grove.....Mrs. Betty Mace, R-1, Connelly Springs
South Fork.....Mrs. Thelma Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Walker's Chapel.....Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs
Wilkie's Grove.....Mrs. Mildred Clark, R-4, Hickory
Zion Hill.....Fred Sain, R-1, Vale
Zoar.....Arnold Lail, Lawndale

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

Abee's Chapel.....Gail Lowman, Box 27, Valdese
Berea.....Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Beulah.....Carrol Pruette, R-3, Vale
Carswell Memorial.....Mrs. B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro
Corinth.....Mrs. Ruby Short, R-1, Casar
Drowning Creek.....Mrs. C. J. Kirby, R-5, Hickory
Henry River.....Mrs. Nancy Mayes, Box 61, Hildebran
Hildebran View.....Addie Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs
Midway.....Mrs. Clay Dowell, Hildebran
Mt. Calvary.....Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Mt. Gilead.....Mary Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron.....Mrs. Richard Bradshaw, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon.....Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Mt. Zion.....Miss Lucy Chapman, R-1, Casar
Mull's Chapel.....Mrs. Earl Johnston, R-3, Vale
Oak Ridge.....Miss Hilda Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove.....Mrs. Howard Walker, 1805-2nd Ave., Hickory
Philadelphia.....Miss Patsy Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah.....Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar
Pleasant Grove.....Mrs. Eva Williams, 2980 Main Ave., Hickory
St. John's.....Miss Hazel Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul.....Bentha Cook, R-1, Casar
Shoup's Grove.....Mrs. Elsie Childress, R-2, Connelly Springs
Smart's Grove.....Elizabeth Lail, R-1, Valdese
South Fork.....Mrs. Rosalee Greenhill, Hildebran
Walker's Chapel.....Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Wilkie's Grove.....Bonnie Page, R-4, Hickory
Zion Hill.....Juanita Ramsey, R-1, Connelly Springs
Zoar.....Linda Costner, Casar

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Berea—David Reece

Beulah—Mrs. Liza Craig

Corinth—Bynum McNeilly, Phyllis McNeilly

Henry River—Dan Reep

Mt. Gilead—Mrs. Annie Maude Towery, Everette Chapman, D. B. Cook

Mt. Vernon—John Leatherman, Mrs. John Leatherman, Tola Houser, Pink Davis, Mrs. Vergie L. Buff

Mt. Zion—Kelly Smith

Mull's Chapel—W. S. Rhoney, John Workman

Olive Grove—Eugene Spake

Pisgah—Haywood Parker, Oscar Pruett, Mrs. J. E. Buff

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Mary Alice Denton

Shoup's Grove—Mrs. Maudie Hildebran

St. Paul—Mrs. Lela Hastings

Smart's Grove—Mrs. Rhoda Smart

Walker's Chapel—Mrs. Helen Buff

Wilkie's Grove—Mrs. Edna Herman, Robert Hudson, Charles Clark, Tom Smith

Zion Hill—Aaron Buff, Robie Lail, John Hudson, Dargon Yancey, Mrs. Minty Hoyle, Mrs. S. B. Yancey

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Clerk: Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale, N. C.
Moderator: Rev. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
1. Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2,4	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	8	7	2	.....	.....	183	2	50	Yes	No	.....
2. Berea	Rural	1947	1,2,3,4	W. N. Reece, Gen. Del., Morganton	23	14	8	141	25	166	2	35	Yes	No	1,300
3. Beulah	Rural	1904	1,2,3,4	T. W. VanHorn, 139-26th St., N. W., Hickory	5	14	8	75	49	124	2	12	Yes	No	1,820
4. Carswell Memorial	Rural	1938	1,2,3,4	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	.....	2	.....	62	6	68	1	9	Yes		805
5. Corinth	Rural	1884	1,3	G. W. Lynch, R-2, Mill Springs	7	.....	6	101	67	168	2	6	No	No	1,150
6. Drowning Creek	Rural	1952	1,2,3,4	J. W. Greer, R-2, Box 114, Granite Falls	8	3	.....	95	15	110	2	14	No	No	1,200
7. Henry River	V	1940	1,2,3,4	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran	.....	1	11	.....	.....	197	1	.....	No	No	3,640
8. Hildebran View	Rural	1947	1,2,3,4	Ottas Cook, R-1, Casar	3	6	2	32	4	36	2	3	No	No	760
9. Midway	Rural	1956	1,2,3,4	Grady McCurry, R-2, Box 222AA, Connelly Springs	18	33	1	95	6	101	1	90	Yes	Yes	2,540
10. Mt. Calvary	Rural	1952	1,2,3,4	Julius Hildebrand, R-4, Hickory	8	6	.....	46	.....	46	2	7	No	No	600
11. Mt. Gilead	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Virgil Glover, R-1, Casar	.....	2	5	.....	.....	139	2	2			892
12. Mt. Hebron	Rural	.....	1,2,3,4	Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs	15	20	4	164	33	197	1	45	Yes	No	.....
13. Mt. Vernon	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	16	2	8	207	71	278	1	15	No	No	3,900
14. Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	1,2,3,4	W. E. Hill, Box 96, Caroleen	21	6	7	178	40	218	3	.....	No	No	1,200
15. Mull's Chapel	Rural	1871	2,4		11	1	2	.....	.....	101	1	.....	No	No	1,000
16. Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	1,2,3,4	Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	20	18	9	143	93	236	2	75		Yes	3,566
17. Olive Grove	Rural	1884	1,2,3,4		10	1	3	168	73	241	2	8	No		1,140
18. Philadelphia	Rural	1952	1,3	C. C. Reece, China Grove	3	11	.....	64	.....	64	1	.....			640
19. Pisgah	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Paul Ross, Casar	5	2	3	142	28	170	2	20	Yes	No	3,380
20. Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2,4	John H. Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs	8	.....	2	93	21	114	2	7	No	No	630
21. Shoup's Grove	Rural	1892	1,2,3,4	Joe Richards, Box 214, Icard	13	6	17	174	52	226	2	26	Yes	No	3,050
22. St. John's	Rural	1842	1,2,3,4	Jason Stilwell, R-4, Hickory	4	1	8	.....	.....	98	2	.....		No	1,560
23. St. Paul	Rural	1840	1,3	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	14	3	11	.....	.....	471	2	30	No	No	2,080
24. Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	1,2,3,4	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	2	5	4	76	26	102	3	21	No	No	1,755
25. South Fork	Rural	1937	1,2,3,4		4	10	16	85	10	95	2	17	No	No	2,600
26. Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	1,2,3,4	Floyd Beaver, R-3, Lincolnton	6	3	23	128	1	129	2	10	No	No	1,815
27. Wilkie's Grove	Rural	1894	1,2,3,4	Tommy Stephens, R-4, Hickory	7	4	10	.....	.....	167	1	22	Yes	No	1,735
28. Zion Hill	Rural	1859	1,2,3,4	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	5	1	8	176	73	249	2	26	Yes	No	1,300
29. Zion														No	720
TOTALS															

CHURCHES	alue of stor's Home	alue of Church operty Including stor's Home	oney Spent on ew Construction, operty and uipment, Church	tal Church Debt End of Year	operative Program, of Total Budget	sociation Mission al Coming Year	urch Have Library?
1. Abee's Chapel		45,000	668				No
2. Berea		45,000	9,273	25,750	7%	160	No
3. Beulah		15,000					No
4. Carswell Memorial		12,000	2,940				No
5. Corinth		13,000					No
6. Drowning Creek		9,500	480	272		110	No
7. Henry River	7,000	31,500	200				Yes
8. Hildebran View							No
9. Midway		18,000	242	5,628	3%		No
10. Mt. Calvary		5,000	1,000				No
11. Mt. Gilead		19,000	1,500	300			No
12. Mt. Hebron	5,000	20,000					No
13. Mt. Vernon	15,000	31,500	427		10%	155	No
14. Mt. Zion			1,600				Yes
15. Mull's Chapel		35,000		879			No
16. Oak Ridge		50,000	3,600	17,709		90	No
17. Olive Grove		10,000	3,141				
18. Philadelphia		9,000	4,000	3,000			No
19. Pisgah	12,000	35,000	967		4%	15	No
20. Pleasant Grove		6,000	991				No
21. St. John's		6,500					No
22. St. Paul		34,000	1,224				No
23. Shoup's Grove	7,000	22,000	1,274	6,262	15%	128	No
24. Smart's Grove		5,000					No
25. South Fork	4,000	10,000	431	1,423			No
26. Walker's Chapel		9,500		356			No
27. Wilkie's Grove		45,000		1,332			No
28. Zion Hill		45,000	14,300	1,700			No
29. Zoar		15,000	258				No
TOTALS	50,000	601,500	48,516	64,611	39%	658	

Table C BROTHERHOOD WORK

Associational Brotherhood President: Delbert Walker, Fallston

CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhood and Addresses	Chrm. Royal Ambassadors Co. and Addresses	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	Number Junior R.A. Chapters	Junior R.A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R.A. Chapters	Intermediate R.A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enrolment	Grand Total Enrolment
1. Abee's Chapel	Max Lowman, R-1, Valdese	Ivey Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	34	34	.....	.....	1	16	16	50
2. Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran		.....	.....	1	8	1	8	16	16
3. Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	James Southerland, Connelly Springs	30	30	.....	.....	1	14	14	44
4. Pisgah	Paul Ross, Casar	Robert Beam, Casar	9	9	1	10	.....	.....	10	19
5. Shoup's Grove	Billy Decker, R-2, Conneily Springs	Lee Roy Childress, R-2, Connelly Springs	13	13	1	12	.....	.....	12	25
6. Walker's Chapel	Elbert Cook, R-1, Valdese	Gene Hoffman, R-4, Morganton	10	10	1	15	.....	.....	15	25
7. Wilkie's Grove	Carlos Young, R-4, Box 745, Hickory		8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
		TOTALS	104	104	4	45	3	38	83	187

Table D WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational President: Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
1. Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Mildred Crawford, R-1, Valdese	1		1		2	30		21		51	
2. Berea	Mrs. Francis Brittain, Box 221, Icard	1				1	14				14	
3. Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Zero Carswell, R-4, Box 349, Morganton	1				1	10				10	
4. Drowning Creek	Mrs. H. C. Buckner, Rhodhiss	1				1	20				20	5
5. Henry River	Mrs. Nancy Mayes, Box 61, Hildebran	1				1	13				13	
6. Midway	Mrs. Connie Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs	1	1			2	15	14			29	20
7. Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs	1		2		3	13		17		30	8
8. Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	1		2	1	4	35		19	22	76	11
9. Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Fred Hudson, R-3, Vale	1				1						
10. Oak Ridge	Mrs. Sue Evans, Connelly Springs	1	1	1	1	4	20	12	10	24	66	22
11. Olive Grove	Mrs. Wilma Johnson, R-5, Shelby	3				3	16	18	11		45	
12. Philadelphia	Mrs. C. C. Reece, China Grove	1				1	12				12	
13. Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	1	1	1	1	4	10	11	14	20	55	16
14. St. John's	Mrs. Hazel Gantt, R-1, Connelly Springs	1				1	20				20	
15. St. Paul	Mrs. R. P. Willis, R-3, Lawndale	1				1	17				17	7
16. Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard	1		1		2	17		6		23	12
17. Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Elbert Cook, R-1, Valdese	1		2		3	19		18		37	9
18. Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, R-4, Box 751, Hickory	1				1	7				7	5
19. Zion Hill	Mrs. W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	1				1	21				21	
	TOTALS	21	3	10	3	37	309	55	116	66	546	115

Table E THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Associational Supt: Charles Townsend, R-1, Box 10, Connelly Springs

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	Extension Dept.	General Officers	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study
1. Abee's Chapel	G. W. Abee, R-1, Box 348, Connelly Springs	19		28	25	27	25	15	50		33		3	225	185		90	87	No
2. Berea	Charlie Townsend, R-1, Box 10, Connelly Springs	8	24	21	20	37	22	24	24	29	36	10	4	259	131	4	145	125	Yes
3. Beulah	Howard Mull, R-3, Vale			11	18	14	34	11			36			124	77		79	62	Yes
4. Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsay, R-4, Morganton			9		7	10	10		10	23			69	47		45	41	No
5. Corinth	Joe White, R-1, Casar			40	20	16	14	21			49			160	100		113	101	No
6. Drowning Creek	Bedford Smith, 3754 Main Ave., Hickory		13	7	11	11	10	5	13		32			102	52	2	82	70	Yes
7. Henry River			22	21	30	25	25	13	46		35			217	105		115	102	No
8. Hildebran View	Walter Hudson, R-1, Box 280, Connelly Springs			14		10	8			24			7	62	50				No
9. Midway	Lex Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs		10	11	9	24	18	15			53		2	142	112		87	82	No
10. Mt. Calvary	Thad Turnmyre, Hudson																		
11. Mt. Gilead	Thomas Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs			20	10	20		40			31			121	75				No
12. Mt. Hebron	J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs		13	22	26	33	24	10		40	57		3	228	138		108	91	Yes
13. Mt. Vernon	Blair Wesson, R-2, Vale		28	26	28	37	39	50		76		1	3	288	171	1	131	116	Yes
14. Mt. Zion	Joe Smith, R-1, Casar		18	25	8	25	16	20	15	31	20			178	137		101	96	No
15. Mull's Chapel	Clyde McClurd, Roston St., Valdese			10	13	7	9	12	12	20	13			96	65		80	68	No
16. Oak Ridge	Billy Evans, Connelly Springs		10	18	24	38	31	23	53	24	52	12	4	289	145	1	114	90	Yes
17. Olive Grove	Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar			12	14	12	38	27			25			132	97		94	88	
18. Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R-1, Box 288, Connelly Springs			6		8	9			17	10			50	50				No
19. Pisgah	J. C. Buff, Casar		12	15	16	18	10	16		20	29	7	5	145	100	1	98	83	Yes
20. Pleasant Grove	Santos Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs		5	9	24	19	13			50				125	90				No
21. St. John's	Frank Hoyle, R-1 Connelly Springs	19			33	13	8	14	16		19			122			105		No
22. St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Casar		13	11	18	41	34	43	31	31	51		5	278	157		162	151	No
23. Shoup's Grove	Garland Seagie, R-2, Box 136, Connelly Springs	12	7	23	26	35	30	33		19	44	4	5	238		1	110	108	Yes
24. Smart's Grove	James Bell, 605 Martin St., Shelby			10	16	14		29			51		5	125	95		48	42	No
25. South Fork	Eugene Propst, R-4, Box 778, Hickory		7	11	10	17	4		12	12	19		1	93	78		78	72	No
26. Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, R-4, Box 375, Morganton		13	13	19	32	34	9	44		49		2	184	143		67	59	No
27. Wilkie's Grove	Walter Brittain, R-4, Hickory		9	14	23	32	30	12		36	31		7	184	120	1	106	96	Yes
28. Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs		6	37	27	26	43	12	24		95		7	277	196		100	90	Yes
[illegible]	Carlos Rich, R-1, Casar				14	9	7	16			19		5	72	53	1			

Table F TRAINING UNION

Associational Director: Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT													
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Observe Youth Week?
1. Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Box 11, Connelly Springs	13	6	9	22	18	17	12	3	18	3	121	82	1	No
2. Beulah	T. W. VanHorn, 139-26th St., N. W., Hickory	.....	4	7	9	15	15	.....	.....	15	.....	65	45	.....	No
3. Drowning Creek	Pierce Walker, Hildebran	.....	7	7	6	5	.....	13	.....	21	6	65	25	.....	Yes
4. Henry River		10	.....	5	20	17	7	.....	.....	27	.....	86	51	.....	No
5. Midway	Mrs. Edith Hanna, Box 429, Hildebran	.....	6	16	9	19	.....	.....	24	.....	2	72	51	.....	No
6. Mt. Hebron	Dorothy Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	11	13	11	2	9	.....	35	2	59	50	1	Yes
7. Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs	.....	5	5	4	6	3	13	.....	9	1	46	36	1	Yes
8. Pisgah	Gene Canipe, Casar	.....	16	.....	17	11	.....	16	.....	18	2	80	55	.....	No
9. Shoup's Grove	Burlon Lowman, Icard	3	4	9	15	12	12	.....	.....	20	2	77	55	1	Yes
10. South Fork	Leonard Greenhill, Hildebran	5	8	.....	9	9	.....	8	.....	5	1	46	37	.....	No
11. Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Tessie Wright, R-4, Box 498, Hickory	4	4	14	18	11	2	.....	4	9	4	70	30	1	Yes
	TOTALS	35	60	83	142	134	58	71	31	177	23	787	517	5	

Table G CHURCH MUSIC

Associational Music Director: Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Connelly Springs, N. C.

CHURCHES	CHOIR DIRECTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Juniors	Intermediates	Adult	General Officers	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	Name of Hymnal Used in auditorium
1. Abee's Chapel	Ronda Crawford, Valdese							Heavenly Hiways
2. Berea	Hansel Bryant, R-1, Valdese		18	20	4	42		Broadman
3. Beulah	Edgar Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs							Broadman
4. Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton							Broadman
5. Corinth	Everette McNeilly, R-1, Casar							Broadman
6. Drowning Creek	Margaret Allison, R-2, Granite Falls							Broadman
7. Henry River								Modern
8. Hildebran View	Mr. Collins, General Delivery, Hildebran							Broadman
9. Midway	C. P. Sain 1026-41st N. W., Hickory							Broadman
10. Mt. Calvary	Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory							Church
11. Mt. Gilead	Alene Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs							
12. Mt. Hebron	Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs							Broadman
13. Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, R-2, Vale							Broadman
14. Mt. Zion	Glenn Parker, Box 37, Casar							
15. Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Roston St., Valdese							Broadman
16. Oak Ridge	Glenn Lowdermilk, Hickory							Broadman
17. Olive Grove	Junior Crotts, R-1, Casar							
18. Philadelphia	Mrs. Margie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs							Broadman
19. Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar							Broadman
20. Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton							Favorite Songs
21. St. John's	Mrs. Mamie Buff, Valdese							Favorite Songs
22. St. Paul	C. W. Cooke, R-1, Casar							Heavenly Hiways
23. Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard	10	10	16	2	38	35	Broadman
24. Smart's Grove	Mrs. Betty Mace, R-1, Connelly Springs							Favorite Songs
25. South Fork	Mrs. Thelma Hildebran, R-4, Hickory							Broadman
26. Walker's Chapel	Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs							Broadman
27. Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mildred Clark, R-4, Hickory							Broadman
28. Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-1, Vale							Broadman
29. Zion	Arnold Lail, Lawndale							

Associational Treasurer: Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs,

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	tal Gifts for l Purposes	tal Salary (Do Not clude Pastor's Salary)	aintenance, In- rance, Repair, etc.	w Buildings d Equipment	erature, Song oks, Printing, etc.	cal Missions and nevolences	avival Expenses & storal Supply	yment on urch Debt	ther Local Expense	tal Local Expenses xcluding Pastor's lary)	astor's Salary Money Paid)	rand Total ocal Expense
1. Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese	10,020	655	545	123	218	654	306	4,650	720	7,871	2,400	10,271
2. Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs	10,162	240	125	9,273	709	291	250	1,250	1,601	13,748	1,300	15,048
3. Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 290-1st Ave., Hickory	3,300	240	308	.....	159	.....	157	.....	259	1,124	1,820	2,944
4. Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton	3,613	40	193	2,939	65	103	88	.....	106	3,534	805	4,339
5. Corinth	C. S. Botts, R-1, Casar	.....	.....	158	.....	341	184	188	.....	187	1,058	1,150	2,208
6. Drowning Creek	Roy Speagle, 3754 Main Dr., Hickory	3,323	240	268	212	189	75	208	110	472	1,774	1,200	2,974
7. Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory	7,245	.....	677	.....	262	125	100	.....	616	1,780	3,640	5,420
8. Hildebran View	Haywood Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	28	10	182	.....	55	275	785	1,060	.....
9. Midway	Hershel Lowman, Box 23, Hildebran	4,616	127	242	239	240	20	75	825	180	1,951	2,540	4,491
10. Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11. Mt. Gilead	Iva Lee Chapman, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	34	19	1,500	.....	.....	50	.....	50	1,653	770	2,423
12. Mt. Hebron	Harold Abernethy, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	240	1,001	.....	300	350	.....	2,200	243	4,335	1,720	6,055
13. Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	8,590	364	427	171	417	98	200	.....	398	2,075	3,900	5,975
14. Mt. Zion	Paul Cook, R-1, Casar	3,986	.....	.....	1,600	151	109	225	.....	353	2,437	1,200	3,637
15. Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, Hickory	.....	.....	235	.....	114	.....	100	1,680	379	2,509	1,000	3,509
16. Oak Ridge	Mrs. Peggy Sherill, Connelly Springs	8,387	468	213	431	346	129	425	2,400	387	4,809	3,566	8,363
17. Olive Grove	Frances Johnson, R-3, Lawndale	5,331	220	154	3,141	246	82	205	.....	50	4,098	1,140	5,238
18. Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	70	381	.....	54	25	85	.....	60	332	640	972
19. Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	6,708	260	709	967	277	88	175	.....	390	2,866	3,380	6,246
20. Pleasant Grove	James Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs	3,740	135	77	991	84	.....	150	.....	28	1,465	630	2,095
21. St. John's	Glen Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	3,391	140	820	.....	78	.....	345	.....	286	1,670	1,560	3,230
22. St. Paul	Alvin Cook, R-1, Lawndale	8,762	530	580	1,224	341	513	450	1,354	386	5,378	1,782	7,170
23. Shoup's Grove	J. A. Berry, Jr., R-2, Connelly Springs	9,466	208	353	1,274	298	466	150	1,260	699	4,768	3,050	7,818
24. Smart's Grove	Mrs. Norma Abee, R-1, Connelly Springs	3,223	180	.....	.....	114	.....	480	.....	403	1,177	1,680	2,857
25. South Fork	Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, R-4, Hickory	4,307	144	276	431	175	143	155	360	361	2,042	1,930	3,972
26. Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Pearl Lowman, R-4, Morganton	1,206	120	452	.....	125	721	346	326	670	2,157	1,815	3,972
27. Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edith Martin, R-4, Hickory	5,808	202	567	.....	432	.....	127	1,975	984	4,287	1,735	6,022
28. Zion Hill	Mrs. Harlan Smith, R-4, Morganton	7,805	232	566	14,300	203	132	325	4,240	1,091	6,789	1,300	22,389
29. Zoar	Carlos Rich, Casar	1,870	60	405	258	118	14	181	.....	205	1,181	600	1,781
	TOTALS	124,859	5,149	9,751	39,102	6,066	4,504	5,546	22,685	11,839	89,653	49,313	151,419

Table J and K MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Associational Missionary: S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs, N. C.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational or District	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Designated Education Schools	Christian Children's Homes	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
1. Abee's Chapel	Lee Roy Lowman, R-1, Valdese	.....	.....	25	25	50	62	.....	50	50	262	10533
2. Berea	Paul Robinson, R-1, Box 10, Connelly Springs	396	161	.....	66	128	.....	73	146	.....	971	16019
3. Beulah	Hettie Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	10	15	10	65	3009
4. Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, R-4, Morganton	45	60	10	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	151	4490
5. Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	19	13	208	2416
6. Drowning Creek	Mrs. C. H. Kirby, R-5, Hickory	.....	60	6	8	5	2	28	15	80	204	3178
7. Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Henry River	.....	.....	.....	1443	.....	.....	12	14	.....	1469	6889
8. Hildebran View	Addie Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	20	1080
9. Midway	Mrs. Roland Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs	15	7	12	8	9	76	.....	3	50	180	4671
10. Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Irene Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	20	.....	.....
11. Mt. Gilead	Bessie Chapman, R-1, Connelly Springs	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	18	.....	75	2499
12. Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ray McDowell, R-1, Connelly Springs	100	.....	.....	40	43	21	27	73	17	322	6377
13. Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	845	108	51	46	138	30	95	85	21	1419	7394
14. Mt. Zion	R. H. Hunt, R-1, Casar	93	.....	16	16	16	.....	35	24	.....	200	3837
15. Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	60	.....	22	.....	75	53	20	.....	265	3773
16. Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Gross, R-2, Connelly Springs	332	90	10	40	26	.....	78	.....	.....	490	8853
17. Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, R-1, Casar	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	19	18	81	5319
18. Philadelphia	Sallie Reep, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	992
19. Pisgah	Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar	287	60	15	26	125	.....	150	75	75	612	6858
20. Pleasant Grove	Annie Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	28	.....	53	2148
21. St. John's	Nellie Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	30	3260
22. St. Paul	R. A. Brackett, R-1, Casar	228	240	.....	23	24	.....	80	50	.....	645	7815
23. Shoup's Grove	Ruby Young, R-1, Connelly Springs	812	128	.....	.....	31	12	20	33	62	1108	8926
24. Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, R-4, Morganton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	50	218	373	3230
25. South Fork	Mrs. Edna Miller, Icard	.....	60	9	.....	.....	.....	72	50	118	309	4280
26. Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Gene Huffman, R-4, Morganton	.....	.....	5	11	25	.....	77	23	.....	140	4119
27. Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, R-4, Hickory	116	72	15	164	37	26	77	119	59	585	6707
28. Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs	87	120	.....	25	50	13	27	29	40	391	8480
29. Zoar	Everette Costner, Casar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	21	33	84	1781	1865
	TOTALS	2560	226	174	1978	707	377	1183	1026	965	12429	149017

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FORTY-NINTH SESSION

1959

FIRST DAY.....BEREA
SECOND DAY.....BEULAH
October 15-16, 1959

NORTH CAROLINA

1960 Session will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 13-14)

First Day.....Midway
Second Day.....Zion Hill

Harold Whitener will preach the Doctrinal Message
Max Baker will preach the Missionary Message

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Music Director.....Mrs. Boyd Wilson, R-2, Connelly Springs

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Ottas Cook, R-1, Casar.....Hildebran View
Grady McCurry, 1039 41st St., Hickory.....Midway
Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory.....Mt. Calvary
C. C. Reece, China Grove.....Mt. Gilead
Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Mt. Hebron
Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale.....Mt. Vernon
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W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar.....St. Paul
Joe Richards, Icard.....Shoup's Grove
W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar.....Smart's Grove
Max Baker, R-4, Hickory.....South Fork
Floyd Beaver, R-3, Lincolnton.....Walker's Chapel
C. T. Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory.....Wilkie's Grove
J. E. Hoffman, R-3, Vale.....Zion Hill
A. M. Martin, R-2, Ellenboro.....Zoar

Electives

Otis Lowman, Jr., R-1, Connelly Springs.....Abee's Chapel
Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Berea
L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Beulah
J. E. Lindsey, R-4, Morganton.....Carswell Memorial
Joe White, R-1, Casar.....Corinth
Elwood Caulder, Hickory.....Midway
Wade Cook, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Mt. Calvary
Thomas Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Mt. Gilead
Johnnie Leatherman, R-2, Vale.....Mt. Vernon
Glen Parker, Box 37, Casar.....Mt. Zion
Atley Rhoney, R-4, Hickory.....Mull's Chapel
Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs.....Oak Ridge
Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar.....Olive Grove
J. C. Buff, Casar.....Pisgah
Stanley Willis, R-4, Hickory.....St. John's
Marion Benfield, R-1, Casar.....St. Paul
J. A. Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs.....Shoup's Grove
J. C. Mace, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Smart's Grove
Mackie Huffman, R-4, Morganton.....Walker's Chapel
Pearlie Wright, R-3, Lawndale.....Zion Hill
Lester Lail, R-3, Lawndale.....Zoar

NOTE: Also Electives not reported from Drowning Creek, Henry River, Hildebran View, Mt. Hebron, Philadelphia, Pleasant Grove, South Fork and Wilkie's Grove.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Officers

President.....Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Vice-President.....Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. Hazel Gantt, R-1, Connelly Springs
Sunbeam Band Leader.....Mrs. Max Baker, R-4, Hickory
G.A. Director.....To be named
Y.W.A. Director.....To be named
Prayer Chairman.....To be named
Mission Study Chairman.....Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale
Stewardship Chairman....Mrs. Tommie Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory
Community Missions Chairman.....To be named
Jubilee Chairman.....Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Literature Chairman.....Mrs. Charlie Young, R-4, Hickory
Margaret Fund Chairman.....Miss Selma White, R-3, Lawndale

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL — Lynn Buchanan, Mrs. Nellie Lowman, Mrs. Adele Setzer, Mrs. Gertrude Barker.

BEREA — Charles Townsend, Mrs. Virgil Buff, Mrs. Raymond Spann, Mrs. J. G. Brittain, Mrs. G. J. Bryant.

BEULAH — Mrs. Virginia Rhoney, Mrs. Howard Mull, Bud Willis, A. J. Yancey, Mrs. Nellie Rudisill.

CARSWELL MEMORIAL — John Lindsey, Mayo Lindsey, Ellen Poteat.

CORINTH — H. G. McNeilly, C. S. Botts, Hugh Canipe, Mrs. Mayzell Lail, Mrs. Maggie Newton.

DROWNING CREEK — Mrs. Emma Tolbert, Mrs. Roy Craig, Roy Craig, Mrs. Roy Tucker.

HENRY RIVER — Lamont Mayes, Charles Smith, Mrs. Carrie Smart, Mrs. L. R. Berry.

HILDEBRAN VIEW — Mrs. Iva Hoyle, Milus Pruette, Mrs. Addie Hudson, Mrs. Hilda Hudson.

MIDWAY — Grady McCurry, Mrs. Grady McCurry, Mrs. Clay Dowell, C. P. Sain.

MT. CALVARY — Mrs. Edith Stilwell, Mary Miller, Mrs. James Carswell, Wade Cook, Mrs. Irene Lail.

MT. GILEAD — Bill Parker, Nadie Parker, Edna Lail, Bessie Chapman.

MT. HEBRON — Edison Franklin, Mrs. Mary Kiser, Mrs. Buna Taylor.

MT. VERNON — Mrs. Iva Jenks, J. A. Burton, Mrs. Paul Crotts, D. C. Upton, Mrs. S. L. Gantt.

MT. ZION — Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Buland Short.

MULL'S CHAPEL — Clyde McClurd, A. S. Rhoney, Mrs. Cordie Rhoney, Mrs. Paul Robinson.

OAK RIDGE — Mrs. Guy Smith, Mrs. Harold Whitener, Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, Mrs. Gilbert Chavis, Dewey Duckworth.

OLIVE GROVE — Mrs. John Cooke, P. M. Deal, John Cooke, A. T. Spake, Johnnie Walker.

PHILADELPHIA — Marston Huffman, Richard Franklin.

PISGAH — Mrs. Bob Queen, Lyndon Pruett, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Parker, Mrs. Dick Hoyle.

PLEASANT GROVE — Charlie Martin, Mrs. Charlie Martin, Mrs. Joe Walker, Joe Walker, Essie Hudson.

ST. JOHN'S — Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Huffman, Frank Hoyle.

ST. PAUL — W. L. Blanton, Delbert Walker, V. M. Randall, C. W. Cook.

SHOUP'S GROVE — Mrs. Betty Berry, Mrs. Elsie Childress, Mrs. Charlsie, McGalliard, Mrs. Lizzie Evans, Mrs. Lillian Childress.

SMART'S GROVE — John Abee, Bonnie Lail, Beulah Lail.

SOUTH FORK — Mrs. Shirley Baker, Mrs. Mary Jo Wise, Mrs. Finley Stilwell, Mrs. Rosalee Greenhill.

WALKER'S CHAPEL — Milas Huffman, Mackie Huffman, Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, Mrs. Carline Beaver, Filo Huffman.

WILKIE'S GROVE — Mrs. Edna Young, Mrs. Merdus Young, Walter Brittain.

ZION HILL — Will Hudson, Caleb Blackwood, Mrs. Fred Sain, Marshall Buff, Mrs. Marshall Buff.

ZOAR — Mrs. Everette Costner, Mrs. Ottie Whitworth, Plato Hill, J. C. White.

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of the associational officers and the pastor of each church, along with one member from each church, elected by the church. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.
    (b) The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting, at the call of the Moderator, soon after the annual session of the Association. At this meeting, such committee shall be appointed as is necessary to carry on the work of the Association.
    (c) Special and Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
    (d) The Moderator shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between sessions of the annual Association.
13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
14. **Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws**, as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by **Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice**.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950-1959

1950—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; A. V. Ledford, N. S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L. A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W. H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; B. R. Holbrook, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; A. V. Ledford, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B. R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J. E. Huffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; Icard, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B. H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J. E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea and Beulah, Places.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Berea and Beulah Baptist Churches
October 15-16, 1959

Thursday Morning Session

Berea Baptist Church

(All Reports are found in "Reports Section" in alphabetical order)

1. The session was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts.
2. The congregation sang "Are You Washed In The Blood?", led by Claude Cooke.
3. Joe Richards gave the devotional from Psalm 1.
4. The presentation of the program was made by S. M. Stroupe, and was adopted.
5. The roll call of churches was made by the Clerk, Mrs. Frank Hicks.
6. New pastors and visitors were recognized by the Moderator as follows: R. P. Hamby, Catawba River Association; Forrest Davis, Catawba River Association; Harold Whitener and A. M. Martin, new pastors.
7. The appointment of the Committee on Committees was made by the Moderator as follows: Edsel Mull, chairman; Delbert Walker and S. M. Stroupe.
8. Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk, gave the Executive Committee Report, which was adopted.
9. Ray Billings gave the Training Union Report in the absence of Earl Church. It was adopted.
10. The Sunday School Report was made by Charles Townsend, spoken to by him, and adopted.
11. Claude Cooke led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven," after which Ray Billings welcomed the session to Berea.
12. An interesting talk was made by Cleve Wilkie, General Missionary of the State Mission Board.
13. The hymn "Standing On The Promises" was sung by the congregation, led by Claude Cooke.
14. The Associational Missionary Report was given by S. M. Stroupe, spoken to by him, and adopted.
15. Edsel Mull delivered the Doctrinal Message, speaking from 1 Thess. 4. His message was very timely and enlightening.
16. Ray Billings invited the congregation to lunch and adjourned the morning session with prayer.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Berea Baptist Church

17. "Blest Be The Tie" was sung by the congregation, led by Claude Cooke.
18. The scripture and prayer was given by Roy Tucker.
19. Mack Hodge was recognized in order to speak on progress noted at the host church, Berea.
20. The Religious Literature Report was given by J. E. Hoffman. He spoke briefly to the report, and it was adopted.
21. The Report on Vacation Bible Schools was given by Mrs. Virgil Buff. It was adopted.
22. Edsel Mull gave the Committee on Committees Report. It was adopted after an amendment by Ray Billings was passed to include five members on each committee instead of three.
23. Ray Billings asked for a love offering for Mrs. S. M. Stroupe who was in the hospital. The offering amounted to $27.
24. The Baptist Hospital Report was given by Julius Hildebran and was spoken to by Albert Hastings of Kings Mountain. The report was adopted.
25. Joe Richards gave the State Missions Report. He spoke to the report, and it was adopted.
26. The Evangelism Report was given by T. W. VanHorn, spoken to by him and was adopted.
27. In the absence of Paul Ross, no report was made on Christian Education. S. M. Stroupe was appointed to secure such a report. Lawson Allen of Gardner-Webb College and Dr. John McLeod of Mars Hill spoke on this subject.
28. The Region 8 Report was made by Lloyd Childers and was adopted.
29. The Business Session included the following:
    (a) The Budget was distributed for examination by Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, Treasurer.
    (b) Mrs. Brintie Arrowood announced the W.M.U. Leadership Conference to be held October 23 at Beulah Church.
30. The congregation sang "God Be With You," led by Claude Cooke.
31. Harold Whitener adjourned the session for the first day.

Friday Morning Session

Beulah Baptist Church

1. The session was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts.
2. The congregation sang "All Hail The Power," led by Harold Whitener.
3. Darrell Pruett gave the devotional and prayer.
4. In the absence of Jason Stilwell, no report was given on Homes for the Aging. S. M. Stroupe was appointed to secure this report. Vernon Sparrow spoke on this subject.

5. The Home Missions Report was given by Ray Billings and was adopted.
6. The roll call of churches was made by the Clerk.
7. The Moderator recognized visitors to this session as follows: Mrs. Gazzie Sain and Mrs. Douglas Carpenter, Kings Mountain Association; Rex West of Three Forks Association.
8. The Brotherhood Report was given by Delbert Walker, and was adopted after being spoken to by Clyde Davis, State Brotherhood Secretary.
9. Miss Lucille Upton gave the Report on the Children's Homes. It was spoken to by Vernon Sparrow of Thomasville, and adopted.
10. A report was made on Fruitland Bible Institute by Ray Billings. It was adopted and was spoken to by Rex West of Boone.
11. The Business Session consisted of the following transactions:
    (a) Nominating Committee Report made by J. E. Hoffman.
    (b) Appointment of Joe Richards to act as Moderator during the business session of the afternoon proceedings.
12. The Missionary Message was delivered by Grady McCurry, who spoke from Acts 1:8. His message was inspirational and heart-warming.

Friday Afternoon Session

Beulah Baptist Church

13. The session was called to order by Paul Crotts, Moderator.
14. Harold Whitener led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves."
15. The scripture and prayer were given by B. B. Brooks.
16. The American Bible Society Report was given by Tommy Stephens, spoken to by him and adopted.
17. Mrs. Betty Sue Berry gave the Treasurer's Report, and it was adopted.
18. The Foreign Missions Report was given by Harold Whitener. He spoke to his report, and it was adopted.
19. Ray Canipe was not present to give the Royal Ambassadors Report, but Mrs. Canipe made the report and spoke briefly to it. It was adopted.
20. The Temperance and Public Morals Report was given by G. W. Lynch. It was adopted after being spoken to by R. P. Hamby of Connelly Springs.
21. The Business Session was presided over by Joe Richards, with the following reports and transactions:
    (a) Time, Place and Preacher Report, given by Delbert Walker.
    (b) Adoption and election of Nominating Committee Report.
    (c) Adoption of Budget.
    (d) Adoption of suggestion for Historian Committee.
    (e) Adoption of Resolutions Committee Report.
22. The Obituary Report was made by L. B. Harris.

23. The congregation sang "Blest Be The Tie," led by Harold Whitener.
24. T. W. VanHorn moved to adjourn. Paul Crotts closed with prayer, bringing to a close the forty-ninth session of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

REPORTS

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Southern Baptist plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-1964, remind us that in every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first.

The Bible is a "must" in missions and evangelism. If the people of our world are to know Jesus Christ, the one and only hope for all mankind, they must have the Bible. It is the basic source of the knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief instrument or tool. Where he goes, it goes. In fact, the Bible itself is a missionary because it can often go where the missionary cannot go. It can remain when the missionary is compelled to leave.

If the Bible is the tool we say it is, and it surely is, then it is a necessity that it be translated into every man's language.

The American Bible Society is helping to do just that. The Society constantly aids translators by counsel, supervision and contributions toward expenses. Translation projects are going on almost continuously on every continent and the islands of the sea.

During one recent year the Society

- Distributed 15 million volumes of Scriptures.
- Donated more than one million Scripture volumes for distribution by Chaplains to our Armed Forces.

Because the Bible Society serves mission work — and because Southern Baptist missionaries depend on the Society for Scriptures they need for distribution to their people — Southern Baptist churches give to the American Bible Society.

As you make your budgets will you please include an item for the American Bible Society? If each church in our Association would give an average of twenty-five dollars, it would make possible a distribution of nearly 3,000 New Testaments. I am confident that we want the Word of God to go into all the world. We can help make this a reality by giving to this worthy organization!

Respectfully submitted,
Tommy Stephens

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Dear Friends:

During the past associational year I:

- Preached thirty times in twenty of our churches.
- Made twenty-nine inspirational talks in the churches.
- Taught twenty-two nights in six churches.

- Visited in five Vacation Bible Schools.
- Attended our Vacation Bible School Clinic.
- Joined Rev. W. N. Reece in asking pastors of Association to make a cash free will offering to cancer-stricken Rev. J. L. Bragg. Fourteen churches responded with a cash contribution of $320.05.
- Helped to advertise our Brotherhood meeting which met at Region 8 Camp in July.
- Gave publicity to our Associational Revival which was held in August at Zion Hill Baptist Church.
- Attended the Sunday School monthly meetings and the Pastors' and Deacons' Monthly meetings.
- Attended four homecomings in the Association, having some place on the programs in each meeting.
- Attended the Pastors' and Deacons' Fellowship Breakfasts which were extended to all pastors and deacons during the Associational Revival.
- Assisted in one ordination service.
- Acted as Moderator for one church conference.
- Attended the Missionary's Conference at Fort Caswell July 6-11.
- Wrote Associational letters.
- Conducted morning devotions two weeks over WMNC radio.
- Attended the Conference on Associational Activities in Nashville, Tennessee, August 31-September 4.

I am a Baptist and I love to read the records of great Baptist leaders such as Jesus, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul and many other New Testament Christians. I read my Bible and much good Baptist literature. My love and sympathy goes out to any church that has difficulty in adopting a good Baptist program for Christian advancement.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. Stroupe

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

In the heart of the hills of Western North Carolina, near Hendersonville, there is a very unique and significant piece of Baptist work being carried on by our State Mission Board under the noble leadership of our beloved Dr. J. C. Canipe. This is known as Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. It is called by many of our preachers as a place of mountain top experience.

For years Fruitland was a Home Mission Board High School, and later a Junior College, but was forced to close during the depression years. The Baptist State Mission Board bought the property about 1945.

In the meantime, a school for mountain ministers had developed at Boone, under the leadership of J. C. Canipe, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone. Secretary of the General Board, M. A. Huggins, who had already arranged for the purchase of the Fruitland property,

seeing the need and possibility of some sort of permanent teaching program for ministers who had not had the opportunity of a formal college and seminary education, invited Dr. Canipe to come with the Convention and move the already existing preachers school to Fruitland.

The school opened at Fruitland October 15, 1946, with forty-six students enrolled. The school has been operating since on the basis of three six-weeks' sessions per year, beginning around October 15 and closing around March 30 of each year.

The school enrolled 160 preachers last year.

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute opened its thirteenth year October 12 of this year. The faculty consists of Dr. J. C. Canipe, director and Professor of Theology and Old Testament; Dr. J. L. Jenkins, Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Rural Sociology; Dr. B. E. Morris, Professor of New Testament and Christianity; Rev. John Rhymer, Professor of Church History and Christian Education; Rev. Charles Stanley, Professor of Homiletics and Evangelism, and English.

A diploma is awarded to those who complete eighteen weeks a year for three years, providing that the student passes his work on written examinations.

Their motto: "We take good preachers and help make them better preachers." II Timothy 2: 15.

A registration fee of $10.00 is charged each year. The cost per week per student is $9.00. This covers room and board. Each student buys his own books.

There are a few scholarships for worthy men which must be arranged through the director, Dr. J. C. Canipe, and the committee of the General Board.

There are some two hundred and fifty men who have graduated who are now pastors, evangelists and missionaries. Many are serving as moderators and clerks of the various associations. Your own Moderator is a graduate of Fruitland. There are other pastors serving in our Association who are graduates of Fruitland.

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute was established by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the sole purpose of helping God-called men who have not had the opportunity to go to college and seminary. Thanks to Dr. Canipe for his untiring patience and great efforts in helping men to become better servants of God.

Fruitland desires to help preachers receive a better education, a right attitude on all relations of life, and to cooperate in our Baptist work.

The faculty are God-called men and believe the Bible as the Inspired Word of God, and teach it as such.

They are not off on arrangements at either end of the line, but go right down the middle of the road in the good old-fashioned Baptist way.

Fruitland gave up one of its great men this year in the passing of Dr. Melton. God saw fit to call him home to be with Him. Dr. Melton was known as the walking Old Testament by his many friends.

Many of the leading pastors and laymen in our North Carolina Baptist Convention believe and have so expressed themselves that Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute is doing one of the most valued pieces of work in our denominational life today. May God bless their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Billings

BROTHERHOOD

The active participation by men in the program of the church is one of the most encouraging signs of our day. There are more men engaged in working, giving and going for World Missions than at any time in the history of the church. This is true, largely, because of the challenge which has been presented to them through Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador programs. Special seasons of prayer and offerings for missions have become church-wide rather than a program for a single organization. The laymen of our churches are sharing in the pastors' keen interest for the salvation of the lost people in their own communities. The number of men who are willing and who possess the skill of witnessing to lost men is increasing every day. More men are capable of teaching and leading in the organizations of the church. Yet there are many men who are not enlisted. About 75 per cent of the men on our church rolls are still inactive. They are the Brotherhood's greatest challenge.

The purpose of the Brotherhood is to discover men and their talents and to enlist them in every phase of the program of the church and denomination. The Brotherhood seeks to accomplish this purpose by offering programs and activities in an atmosphere of fellowship, study and action. Programs and activities are planned in four major areas: Evangelism, Stewardship, Cooperative Program or World Missions, and Royal Ambassadors.

Printed materials are available from two sources: Free materials may be ordered from the Brotherhood Department, Baptist Building, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Priced materials are purchased from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. It is suggested that every church provide for the following priced materials in their budget:

The Brotherhood Journal (for each Brotherhood member).

The Ambassador Life (for each Royal Ambassador).

The Ambassador Leader (for each Royal Ambassador counselor).

The Brotherhood Department is planning a program of intensive training during 1960. Regional clinics will be conducted for church leaders in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors. The new Brotherhood Secretary, Clyde L. Davis, Sr., and the Royal Ambassador Secretary, B. W. Jackson, earnestly solicit your prayers for them as they seek to lead in this program.

Respectfully submitted,
Delbert Walker

BUDGET

A Proposed Budget for the coming Associational Year 1959-1960 is presented below. Your Finance Committee has given this Proposed Budget careful thought and asks that you do the same.

Proposed Budget

Missionary's Salary for a year	$1,200.00
Missionary's Expenses for a year	480.00
Clerk's Compensation for a year	125.00
Treasurer's Compensation for a year	100.00

Promotion of Associational Organizations

For the Promotion of Sunday Schools	50.00
For Training Union Promotion	50.00
Woman's Missionary Union Promotion	100.00
Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors	50.00
Vacation Bible School Promotion Fund	75.00
Pastors' and Deacons' Conference	25.00
Printing of Associational Minutes	400.00
Evangelistic Crusade for the Association	300.00
Miscellaneous Items such as repair for Typewriter, Duplicator, Envelopes, Paper, Ink, Postage and other small items	500.00
Total	$3,455.00

The Finance Committee suggests $1.00 per resident member of each church for the support of the Associational Budget. With this added suggestion, if $1.00 seems too much per resident member, call your church in conference and adopt a lower per capita rate and you will be happy in the support of the Budget.

We have these impressive words from someone who must have been thinking of God's house:

> My house shall be filled with music,
> With song and praise and prayer,
> And the burdens of life shall be lifted,
> From all who enter there.

I am thankful for our churches. We are commissioned to help people all over the world to have churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Finance Committee:
Charles Townsend
Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Rev. Paul Crotts

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In a day of constant fear and distrust, I can think of no better place to turn than to our Christian schools. We need leaders who have had Christian training to face and lead forward in this age of fear.

A Christian college is a unique institution in that the stamp of Christian truths and Christian interpretations are in its classroom teaching. These colleges seek to train students to live more intelligently and more devout Christian lives.

The Baptists of North Carolina own and operate seven such institutions throughout the State. They are Meredith, Wake Forest, Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate. If we want and expect these colleges to continue to produce leaders and more leaders we must support them with our means and prayers. I urge you to support them for a better world in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Richards

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee
Harold Whitener, Chairman
Julius Hildebran
Roy Tucker
Frank Hoyle
J. E. Lindsey

Resolutions Committee
Lucille Upton, Chairman
Mrs. Harold Whitener
Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Mrs. Robert Beam
Mrs. Paul Crotts

Program Committee
Edsel Mull, Chairman
S. M. Stroupe
Blair Wesson
Max Baker
Billie Lowman

Budget Committee
J. E. Hoffman, Chairman
Doris Upton
Eugene Sherrill
Earl Church
W. L. Blanton

Time, Place, Preacher Committee
Joe Richards, Chairman
Delbert Walker
Lamont Mayes
W. M. Hudson
Mrs. Brintie Arrowood

Music Committee
Harold Whitener, Chairman
Claude Cooke
Joyce Hildebran
Handel Bryant
Mrs. Clyde McClurd

Missions Committee
T. W. VanHorn, Chairman
Paul Crotts
Ray Billings
Guy Smith
Grady McCurry
Mrs. Frank Hicks

Region 8 Committee
Lloyd Childers, Chairman
Edsel Mull
Delbert Walker
Glen Parker
Fred Sain

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe

EVANGELISM

Jesus' command to us is "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28: 19-20. Here Jesus summed up God's purpose in the world and the objective toward which God's people must ever move in full dedication if they are to be in His will.

The purpose of God in which He uses His people (and the only purpose in which He uses them) is the evangelization of the world. Evangelization means "making disciples," "baptizing them," and "teaching them" to be obedient to Christ in "all things" He has commanded. Thus a person is not evangelized until he becomes an evangelist. Therefore, evangelism is to make disciples and mature them. This is God's purpose and plan for His people in the world.

In the Great Commission Jesus said "Go," "teach" with the purpose of making disciples; "baptize" and "teach" them to be obedient to Christ in all things. The only imperative in all these mighty words of action is "to make disciples" or to teach with the purpose of making disciples. Thus Jesus puts soulwinning first in His total program with a definite command. In every church or associational program, soulwinning must be in the forefront of its total program to be in the will of Christ. This order is the divine imperative. Any individual or church that changes this order is disobedient to Christ, and therefore cannot expect His empowering and blessing upon the efforts put forth.

During the years 1959-1964, in the Jubilee Advance, Baptists of North America are making an effort to be obedient to the Great Commission by putting soulwinning in the foreground of their respective programs. In 1959 it appears that real progress has been made in this direction. Reports received in the Office of Evangelism in Raleigh indicate that the simultaneous evangelistic crusades over the State were the most fruitful ever. With one exception, every association in the State participated. Most of them did more praying, planning, and working to win all the people to a full committal to Christ than ever before. Figures in the Raleigh office for the State show about 15,000 baptisms, 20,000 total additions, and that more than 2,000 young people offered their lives for full-time Christian vocations.

We feel that our crusade in August was a very successful one. We feel that hearts were made to rejoice and that the South Mountain Baptist Association is going forward in the future partly because of this crusade. We were very happy to receive the response to the vote when we asked the people to make it annual.

The ratio of baptisms to church members is 1:22 for Southern Baptists and 1:25 for North Carolina Baptists. Our Association's ratio for 1957 was 1:17, with 232 baptisms. The ratio in 1958 was 1:18, with 249 baptisms, a gain of 17. The ratio for 1959 is incomplete. In 1957 twenty-five churches reported baptisms, four reported none. In 1958 twenty-six churches reported baptisms, three reported none, a gain of

one church over the year of 1957. Our membership through the year of 1958 is 4,580.

The goal of Southern Baptists in ratio of baptisms to church members is 1:8. This constitutes our greatest challenge. Only as we get soulwinning in the forefront of our total program can we become obedient servants of Christ. In an effort to achieve this objective, therefore, be it resolved that the South Mountain Baptist Association adopt the following goals:

1. To conduct an annual clinic devoting two sessions exclusively to evangelism, striving to have at least seventy-five per cent of the churches and pastors participating.
2. To conduct an annual Simultaneous Revival Crusade, with at least eighty per cent of the churches participating.
3. To endeavor to have at least seventy-five per cent of the churches using the church council and sustaining perennial programs of evangelism with soul-winning in the forefront of the total program in every church.

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. VanHorn

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has met five times during this associational year, with quarterly meetings and the November meeting, which is in keeping with the practice of having a follow-up meeting in connection with the annual session.

There were no emergency meetings. However, the quarterly meetings were concerned with important business matters. Each meeting included reports from various directors of organizations in the Association and showed much work being done by these departmental heads.

Among progressive steps being taken by the Executive Committee during this year were those of approving the supplying funds to W.M.U. leaders for the purpose of attending the W.M.U. State Conference at Fruitland; and the raising of the Clerk's and Treasurer's salaries by $25 and $50 respectively.

Another main issue discussed was that of giving the Nominating Committee authority to have the list of nominees prepared and to have contacted these people before the first day of the annual session.

Attendance and interest were good throughout the year, and a spirit of fellowship and cooperation was felt in each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Hicks

FOREIGN MISSIONS

During 1958-1959, Southern Baptist have seen advancement in all areas of World Missions. Appointments totaling 137 during 1958 and 36 from January to May, 1959, bring the number of foreign missionaries

in active service to 1,305. The appointment goal for all of 1959 is 140. The board expects to have 2,000 missionaries under appointment by the close of Baptist Jubilee Advance in 1964. At the end of 1958 there were 742 urgent requests for new missionaries.

Southern Baptists now have missionaries in 39 countries and separate entities. The mission work of the separate mission fields is carried on through a varying number of institutions, churches, schools, hospitals, publication plants and good will centers. However, the common goal of all of the different organizations is that of evangelization.

Pastors on the mission fields now include 122 missionaries and 1,953 nationals. Most of the churches have Sunday Schools and many have other church-affiliated organizations. The 3,229 churches and 6,116 chapels and mission points report 4,384 Sunday Schools enrolling 341,151 pupils. There were 29,990 baptisms during 1958, and church membership reached the 416,750 mark. Evangelism has flourished this year, as never before.

Medical mission institutions include 17 hospitals and 58 clinics and dispensaries with a total of 124 buildings and 854 beds. There were 46 missionary and 54 national physicians, plus 55 missionary and 182 national nurses. They served 231,121 patients during the year, 25,734 of whom were in-patients. A new hospital was opened in Nalerigu, Ghana, on August 2, 1958. The new 104-bed Baptist tuberculosis hospital in Mbeya, Tanganyika, should be ready by midyear, 1959.

The accelerated advance in world missions by Southern Baptists may also be seen in their giving of financial support. Total contributions of Southern Baptists for Foreign Missions amounted to $15,334,738.58 in 1958. Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totaled $6,762,-448.63, as of May 1, 1959.

The Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, has said "At this stage in Advance it is wise for us to remember that the basic requirement for winning the people of the world to our Lord is nothing less than unlimited surrender to the will of Christ. We must press ahead with missionary personnel. It is only as Southern Baptists see a challenging response of life to the call of world need that our maximum efforts will be put forth."

The perpetual challenge of "Go — teach all nations" is ever before us.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Whitener

HOME MISSIONS

On May 1, 1959, the number of Baptist mission personnel reached the all-time high of 1,386. In addition, about 450 student summer missionaries worked for ten weeks under the direction of home missionaries, and 382 Southern Baptist chaplains were on active duty. During 1958 your home missionaries saw 41,589 professions of faith and the chaplains reported 11,203 professions of faith.

The Home Mission Board is increasing its cooperation with the

State Boards. A new plan of full cooperation in language missions was adopted by the Home Board and Texas.

Cuba and Panama continue to make progress toward self-support. The need for mission work in the pioneer areas was recognized by the Survey Committee in its report to the convention this year. In New York, the Manhattan Baptist Church now has a new home and in just a little over a year has three missions. New Southern Baptist work has begun in metropolitan areas. There are now 68 city mission programs throughout the Convention and plans are to add five more during the next few months. The Church Loan Fund has been increased and the Home Mission Board has made unusual progress toward achieving its Jubilee Advance goals.

Evangelism-personal witnessing was the theme of the 1959 Home Mission graded study series. The books had a circulation of over 335,000. The number of churches conducting schools of missions increased to 2,500. Two filmstrips were produced on evangelism. Four sermons in sound and the sign language were filmed for the deaf.

Southern Baptist Convention growth is Home Missions progress. Southern Baptists in this year have their greatest opportunity in the influence of their churches through the Home Mission Board to claim our land for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Billings

HOMES FOR AGING

The Rev. Jimmy Hayes has made a memorable contribution to what Baptists want to do for the aging within our ranks. We hear reports that Brother Hayes will soon retire from this very strenuous task of superintending the Homes for the Aging. This work started about ten years ago and has made a favorable and lasting impression on the generous-hearted people of our State.

Special offerings, gifts and allocations have brought this rapidly growing agency to what it is at this time. Knowing that it is more blessed to give than to receive, our good people who have been blessed with money are giving to the Homes for the Aging to make life pleasant for some who are less fortunate. As time goes on the number of aging people will increase more and more. In fact, the number of applicants grows larger each year.

Many old men and women have spent their active years combating the hardships of life. Their earnings have been spent for the bare necessities of life, and these dear souls come to the years of need without homes and without money, and many of them without anyone to love them and minister to their needs.

Someone said a nation's greatness is determined by the way it treats its old people. Surely this is true. In North Carolina we have nearly a million Baptists. Many of them are becoming old. We can do much to help those who need our love and care:

- Those who are loyal givers can continue to support the Homes.
- Those who have never given anything to the Homes can join that loyal army and make it a great host of supporters.
- Old people who have wealth can will it to the Homes for the Aging.
- All of us who love and cherish the memory of our own dear parents can join in prayer for this great service of caring for the aging.

"No snow falls lighter than the snow of age; but none is heavier, for it never melts."

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital seeks to serve our people with a complete program of specialized medical care for all who need it. Our people go in great numbers, with all types of serious illnesses, from all walks of life, and in all financial circumstances, to receive the ministry of our Baptist medical center. A constant effort is made to keep it personal and Christian in its care of sick people.

Last year service patients from 95 counties of the State made over 66,000 visits to the 31 clinics of the Out-Patient Department, which is open to families not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. About the same number of office visits was made by private or full-pay patients. More than 16,000 sick persons were hospitalized for 132,000 days of bed care.

Forty per cent of the hospital service is rendered the patients who go to the Out-Patient Clinics or who enter the hospital through the Out-Patient Department. The services of the physicians are free to all these patients, but the hospital charges must be paid unless other arrangements are made by the family.

Last year the hospital spent well over one million dollars in the care of these service patients. The Mother's Day Fund, along with the welfare funds and assistance from other agencies and foundations, enables the hospital to provide more than half of this service free for our very poor people. The Mother's Day Fund, alone, however, has not covered the full cost of the care of even the most needy.

We need to lay upon the hearts of our members the necessity of the Mother's Day Fund, if our Baptist Hospital is to provide this important service for our poorer people.

Respectfully submitted,
Julius Hildebran

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator.....Paul Crotts
Vice-Moderator.....J. E. Hoffman
Clerk.....Mrs. Frank Hicks

Treasurer.....Miss Doris Upton
Associational Missionary.....S. M. Stroupe
Sunday School Superintendent.....Charles Townsend
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.....Roy Tucker
Vacation Bible School Superintendent.....Virgil Buff
Assistant Vacation Bible School Superintendent.....Mrs. Virgil Buff
Training Union Director.....Earl Church
Assistant Training Union Director.....Darrell Pruitt
Woman's Missionary Union Superintendent.....Mrs. Brintie Arrowood
Asst. Woman's Missionary Union Superintendent....Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Hospital Representative.....Julius Hildebran
Orphanage Representative.....Miss Lucille Upton
Homes for the Aging Representative.....Tommy Stephens
Evangelism Representative.....T. W. VanHorn
Brotherhood Representative.....Delbert Walker
Royal Ambassadors Representative.....Leroy Childress
Pianist.....Joyce Hildebran
Musical Director.....Mrs. Boyd Wilson
General Board Representative.....Ray Billings

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman, Chairman

ORPHANAGE

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a terrible God, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger in giving him food and raiment. Deut. 10: 17-18.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 18: 10.

North Carolina Baptists, recognizing the dignity and worth of boys and girls, have placed upon the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., the responsibility for helping them have opportunities which they would not otherwise have. During the past year, Baptists of our State have shown remarkable interest in their Children's Homes. Numerous church groups have visited the three campuses. Continued financial support has been most encouraging. Awakened interest in your Child Care Program has been evidenced in many respects.

During the past year members of the Children's Homes staff, under the best leadership available, have engaged themselves in a conscientious study of the entire Child Care Program sponsored by North Carolina Baptists. Findings have been gratifying. The program has a commendable history and is one of the best in the nation. Every effort is being made by the present administration to continue the best care possible for dependent children.

More than 1,000 boys and girls were served by the Children's Homes during the past year. Mills Home, Kennedy Home, and Odum Home

provided care for 547 children while 197 lived in Foster Homes. Through financial assistance of the Mothers Aid Program 40 children were able to live with their mothers. Supervision and financial help were afforded 30 college students. Resourceful case workers assisted 214 additional children to find homes with relatives and other social service agencies.

Three cottages are currently under construction — one at each of the three Homes. The Roy Culler family of High Point is providing funds for a boys cottage at Mills Home. The H. C. Ferebee family of Camden is making possible a cottage for girls at Kennedy Home. The new cottage at Pembroke will provide administrative offices, living accommodations, as well as kitchen and dining facilities for the Indian boys and girls.

Mr. Vernon S. Sparrow became superintendent at Mills Home in Thomasville July 1, 1959. He comes to this post with an excellent background of training and experience. Prior to Mr. Sparrow's going to Mills Home he served as Associate Pastor and Minister of Education in the First Baptist Church of Lenoir.

Following a two and a half year study by the Committee of Twenty-Five, significant recommendations relative to the Children's Homes were adopted by the Baptist State Convention in May. These recommendations are as follows:

1. That the number of children in Foster Home care be increased to approximate the number in institutional care.
2. That the Children's Homes begin to develop new types of programs to help children who are not being adequately cared for in other ways.
3. That increased attention be given to families throughout the State by well-trained, mature case work consultants to help avoid family breakdowns.

The Convention has voted to bring the Children's Homes into the Cooperative Program on the same basis as all other institutions and objects. Churches may continue to send Once-A-Month offerings and special gifts. Designated gifts from churches to the Children's Homes will be administered by the Convention in the same manner as designated gifts from churches to other institutions. The Homes are encouraged with this improved financial relationship with the Convention. For lack of sufficient income the Homes operated on a $22,000 deficit in 1958. The deficit for 1959 will be approximately $65,000. The only way the Homes have of meeting the $65,000 deficit this year is through a substantial increase in the Thanksgiving offering.

What of the future? With the increase in population, the development of industry, the growth of cities and the mounting tensions in present-day society, there is an increasing demand for services to dependent children. Your Children's Homes are being asked by the Convention to expand their services. With your prayers, loyal and generous support, your leadership, they will continue to move forward as resources are made available.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton

REGION 8 CAMP

The Region 8 Camp has grown considerably in this past year. In the way of equipment and buildings, there has been completed an assembly hall for worship services and sleeping quarters, as well as a kitchen electrically equipped and furnished adequately for serving meals. There have been erected four cabins for camping purposes. Two churches have built cabins of their own, and more such cabins are under construction. An electric pump was installed to furnish water.

A number of R.A. groups, as well as special groups, have met during this year for worship and recreation. Meetings were held from June 15 through August 20 with a total of 784 persons attending. Special groups from Blue Ridge Association, Catawba River Association, from Ranlo Church, from Tuckaseegee Youth Retreat and several Brotherhood organizations have enjoyed the facilities of this fast-growing camp here in our midst. Camps and special groups make a total of 1786 persons who were at Region 8 during the summer.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that 554 rededications were made and 47 persons accepted Christ. Forty dedicated themselves to special service in the Kingdom.

Let us give generously to this great cause. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls in our South Mountains. Let us live worthy of this great camp which bears the name of South Mountain Region 8 Camp.

Respectfully submitted,
Leroy Childress

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The contacts, impressions and surroundings of a person largely make up his mind, habits and actions. Even a worm takes on the color of the plant or leaf on which it feeds. Human beings take on the color and nature of what they read.

Never before has there been so much to read. Publishers have dressed up their wares in rainbow colors and used every style, trick and art of printing to make their publications look tempting to the eyes of young and old. Much of this popular literature is bad. It pours like a stream of poison from the presses of profit-hungry publishers. It loads down the news stands and clogs the mail boxes of all who will buy and receive it. Much of this unclean reading matter gets into Baptist homes. This should not be, for no other denomination has so wide a variety of good Christian literature as Baptists have, to meet the spiritual interests and needs of every member of the family.

How much sound, clean Christian literature comes into your home each week to lift up, inspire and enrich the minds and hearts of your family? Is Baptist literature used in your Sunday School? In your home? Is your reading table a silent witness to your Baptist faith and practice, or is it cluttered with literature that seeks to deceive and promote evil and confuse in sound Christian faith as Baptists believe? When

the North Carolina Baptist Convention was organized in 1830, its main purpose as stated in its constitution was the promotion of missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound religious literature.

Before the close of the nineteenth century our Baptist Sunday School Board was formed, and since that time has increased in the distribution of religious literature. Today around 75,000,000 copies of periodicals are distributed annually — Sunday School quarterlies, Training Union quarterlies, literature for all ages — which endeavor to enlist, unify, teach and inspire people for nobler Christian service.

The **Biblical Recorder** was founded 125 years ago. Through these years it has borne the true message of Baptist life. It has been a bulwark of strength in promoting Baptist faith and practice and should be in every Baptist home in our State, along with the Bible, which is the greatest book of literature in the world.

Let us use sound religious literature!

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

"Thou hast given so much to us, Dear Lord, give one thing more — a grateful heart."

We bow in humble gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit as plans were made, goals were set and activities were completed in our associational work this year. By His help, progress has been realized in the various aspects of our individual and total church programs. We are grateful to God for granting us another opportunity for assembling together in love and Christian fellowship in our Association.

We desire to express appreciation to our officers, pastors and leaders for their wonderful guidance in promoting the important task of carrying forward the cause of Christ. Not what we have but what we enjoy constitutes our abundance.

To our officers for the coming year, we pledge anew our loyalty, support and wholehearted cooperation in planning and executing a program for the on-going of Christ's kingdom in the South Mountain Baptist Association. We are grateful to those who have visited with us; to our state and local representatives, who by reporting and commenting on the work being done, have caused us to realize anew that a tremendous task still faces us. Their presence and inspiration have added considerably to the success of this meeting.

Be it resolved that we, the officers, delegates and visitors of the Association, express to the pastors and members of Berea and Beulah Baptist churches our sincere appreciation for the bountiful meals and gracious hospitality extended so cordially to us throughout this session. As we face a new year together, may we be conscious of the incompleted task that remains with us and plan and consecrate our efforts to a greater fulfillment of Christ's will for and through us. Do not pray for easy

lives, but pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, but pray for powers equal to your tasks.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton, Chairman

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

"We are ambassadors for Christ." This is quite a mouthful. These young boys, beginning to grow up as physical young men, as Christian young men, use these words for their watchword.

We have failed them in that we have not helped our Association to grow numerically. We have only two R.A. groups in our Association, to my knowledge. One of these I know has diminished this year. The other one I have not had a report from recently. I know I have failed to help them.

There have been several good camps this year for the R.A.s. I have not been able to attend due to my work. Pray for God to send a good R.A. worker for our Association so that we may not disappoint these, the future leaders of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Canipe

STATE MISSIONS

North Carolina Baptists are confronted with a great challenge — the work of State Missions. It it our answer to winning, enlisting and training the people of North Carolina. About 60 per cent of the people of our State are not affiliated with any church. Since 50 per cent of the ones who are affiliated are Baptist, then our task in great. We are responsible for one-half of the unchurched in our State. The need for State Missions cannot be overlooked.

There are some 20 different phases of State Missions work, including such basic work as the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors, Church Development, and the Music Department. The State Missions Program is helping to build strong missionary churches, the preachers' school at Fruitland, and assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell.

Six out of every ten Baptist churches in North Carolina received benefit through our State Missions Department last year. We too often think of missions in terms of the wider area, such as a nation or world. However, State Missions have a more varied work than any other mission program. Leaders of Home and Foreign Missions recognize that the strength of their work depends upon a well-rounded State Missions program.

State Missions constitute the indispensable link between the individual Christian, his local church, and the great world mission of the Kingdom of God. These are great days for Baptists. Therefore, let

us share together in winning, enlisting and training the people of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Richards

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In behalf of everyone who served in the Sunday School organization of our Association, as superintendent I wish to say thank you for your splendid service and your cooperation. The purpose of this staff of officers is to help the churches to use their Sunday Schools to reach, teach and win the lost for Christ, and help the saved to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last year we adopted the theme "That They Might Have Life." Many did find new life in Christ. Also some challenging recommendations were made to the churches, which were used.

This year there were 205 training awards reported, a gain of 26 over last year. Six churches reported training. Our gain in enrolment has increased greatly over last year. Last year's enrolment was 4585, this year's 6137.

No Mission Sunday Schools reported.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That we adopt for our theme this year "Teaching Them All Things."
2. That the leaders in the Sunday Schools determine to:
   (a) Deepen preparation of all workers.
   (b) Extend the reach of our church.
   (c) Increase the Evangelistic Harvest.
   (d) Magnify our Bible Teaching program.
   (e) Reinforce our spiritual ties with the home.

A committment: Renew our devotion to the command of our Lord.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19-20.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Townsend

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

When we are brought to think of Temperance and Public Morals the liquor traffic is thought of as our public enemy number one.

Every week the number of traffic fatalities reported in our State which are caused by drunken drivers make us believe that many innocent people die because of the bad conduct of the drunkard.

The greatest curse to our land is the manufacture and sale of liquor, wine and beer, which robs human beings of their sense of reasoning.

A normal-minded man would not take from his family food and clothing, but a drunkard will gamble and drink and take the money his children need and waste it upon himself.

Liquor leads to more sinful practices than any other one thing on earth. It causes poverty, misery, destruction of health, unhappy homes, divorce and spiritual death.

Low morals, that result from the use of alcohol, bring about all kinds of sinful deeds such as killing of wives and children by drunken husbands, and the mistreatment of girls and women by the morally degraded.

Temperance means self-control. Our hope is in the following:

- Pastors must preach often on the sin of drinking alcohol.
- Teachers must teach the Scriptures which condemn strong drink.
- Christians everywhere should cast their ballots against liquor, wine and beer. It all leads to destruction.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time — October 13 and 14, 1960.
Place — First Day.....Midway
Second Day.....Zion Hill
Preacher — Doctrinal Message.....Harold Whitener
Alternate.....Tommy Stephens
Missionary Message.....Max Baker
Alternate.....G. W. Lynch

Respectfully submitted,
Delbert Walker

TRAINING UNION

In all our churches we have a great need for trained leadership. In every church field in our Association there are multitudes of lost souls ready to be brought in, but the laborers are so few.

Training and teaching are not man's ideas, but Christ's commands. What kind of training are our people in the South Mountain Baptist Association receiving? Are we satisfied with the programs we have?

No other organization in our churches offers training for the entire family as does the Training Union.

We have made progress in our work during the past year. New unions have been organized, older unions have improved, most of our goals have been reached, workers have been trained. However, there is yet much to be done. Only fifteen of our twenty-nine churches have this training program. We sincerely urge each pastor, each church, and each

leader to begin now to make plans to organize a Training Union in your church or to improve the ones we have.

May God's blessings be upon us in our work throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl F. Church

TREASURER

Associational Missionary	$1,200.00
Missionary Expenses	480.00
Clerk	103.96
Treasurer	50.00
Minutes	360.73
Relief and Annuity Board	48.00
Woman's Missionary Union	112.17
Training Union	16.00
Vacation Bible School	33.90
Sunday School	3.00
Brotherhood	25.00
Evangelistic Crusade	210.60
Supplies	64.18
Miscellaneous	5.75
Total	$2,729.29
Balance in Treasury October 16, 1958	$ 869.85
Received during year	2,880.77
Balance September 30, 1959	$1,021.33

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Betty Sue Berry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

The past year marked a wonderful growth in Vacation Bible Schools in the South Mountain Baptist Association. We set out to conduct schools in each of our 29 churches. One church, after making some start to have a school, failed to have a school. Twenty-eight of our churches, we are glad to report, actually had schools. Mrs. Brintie Arrowood conducted a school for us at Pleasant Grove Church. It was their first school. Mrs. Arrowood had excellent cooperation, and the school was a real success.

Berea sent workers to Hildebran View to conduct their first school. We were received graciously and had good attendance for the week. We also sent workers to Mt. Calvary for their second school. The enrolment there was 56, and 19 re-dedicated their lives to Christ. Out of the schools, three were Standard — Berea, Beulah and Mt. Vernon. Oak Ridge almost reached the Standard, falling short a few points in attendance in the Intermediate Department. Oak Ridge, along with three other schools, made the AA Grade. The others were Mt. Hebron, Shoup's Grove and

South Fork. Wilkie's Grove made fine advancement, coming from a D Grade last year to an A Grade this year.

The smaller schools experienced a spiritual awakening in their efforts to have better schools. The children and the helpers were happy in their work.

Reports from 26 of our churches show a total enrolment this year of 2124. In the year 1953 we had in the South Mountain Association in Bible Schools a total enrolment of 988.

Our largest enrolment this year was at Berea, where 150 enrolled. Oak Ridge had an enrolment of 126. Olive Grove enrolled 88 and had an average attendance of 88. Shoup's Grove enrolled 107 and averaged 103 in attendance. Midway enrolled 112 and had an average attendance of 102.

In our schools this year there were 47 professions of faith in Christ reported, and 140 dedications. Our missions offering was $319.71.

We are grateful to the Pisgah Church for being host to our Clinic last April the fourth. Although it was a cold day, the fellowship and good will expressed by all the faithful workers warmed our hearts and sent us on our way to do our best for our Lord in Bible School service. We thank all the faithful workers in the many churches for making the year 1959 a good one.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil Buff
Mrs. Virgil Buff

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The opportunities and challenges of another year have come and gone. Woman's Missionary Union work is growing in the Association. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was $703.46, exceeding the goal by $107.25. Our Home Mission Offering was $354.73, exceeding our goal by $31.64. Two churches have organized Woman's Missionary Societies, bringing the total of churches having Woman's Missionary Union organizations to 22. Beulah was organized last February, and Mt. Calvary began their work on Tuesday night of this week. South Fork, Wilkies Grove and Beulah began G. A. work. Three other churches have plans to organize G.A.s within the next few weeks.

A Leadership Conference was held at Abee's Chapel early in the year. Our Associational Woman's Missionary Union was represented at the annual State Woman's Missionary Union in Durham last March, and at the Regional Meeting in Gastonia on October 1. Seven members of the Associational Woman's Missionary Union Officers attended the State Woman's Missionary Union Workshop at Fruitland, which has proved to be very beneficial to all of us. The annual Associational Woman's Missionary Meeting was held at St. John's in April, with more than 100 in attendance. An inspiring program was presented, with emphasis on Evangelism.

We are grateful to our young people's leaders, officers and chairmen

for their tireless efforts. We appreciate the cooperation and concern of all local Woman's Missionary Unions in helping to send the Gospel of Christ around the world. We thank God for the leadership of the Holy Spirit, for the high privilege of being a part of so great an organization. Woman's Missionary Union offers us the greatest challenge on earth — that of helping to bring the lost to Christ in our own communities and in lands afar. It should stir our hearts to know that there are millions of people in the world who have never heard the name of Jesus. It should cause genuine concern to learn that people are being born faster than they are being won to Christ. The world is growing pagan by the hour. The greater part of mankind still bows down to gods of wood and stone and is called to prayer by false prophets. We pray that the spirit and compassion of Him, who said "Go and make disciples," will grip the heart of every woman and young person, stimulating them to a deeper dedication to the cause of Christian missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Brintie Arrowood

SPRING SESSION — PHILADELPHIA

May 16, 1959

1. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Paul Crotts.
2. The congregation sang "Stand Up For Jesus," led by T. W. VanHorn.
3. C. C. Reece, host pastor, gave the welcome.
4. The devotional was given by Paul Robinson.
5. The Clerk made the Roll Call of Churches.
6. Delbert Walker presented the program. It was adopted.
7. Dr. J. C. Canipe gave the morning message on "The Meaning of The Christian Life."
8. A Report on Evangelistic work was given by S. M. Stroupe, T. W. VanHorn and C. C. Reece.
9. The Executive Committee Report was given by the Clerk.
10. Mrs. Betty Sue Berry gave the Treasurer's Report.
11. The congregation adjourned for supper.
12. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves," led by T. W. VanHorn.
13. Tommy Stephens gave the evening devotionals.
14. The Report on Region 8 Camp was given by Edsel Mull.
15. The Woman's Missionary Union Report was made by Mrs. Betty Sue Berry.
16. Charles Townsend gave the Sunday School Report.
17. The Report on Training Union was given by Earl Church.
18. A Report of Soul-Winning By Laymen was given by Delbert Walker.
19. The hymn "Bringing In The Sheaves" was sung by the congregation.
20. Julius Hildebran gave a Report on Mothers' Day Offering.
21. Business was transacted as follows:

(a) Suggestion was made that each member give 25c to Region 8 Camp. This was passed.

(b) It was moved and passed that Association send S. M. Stroupe to Caswell for week of Associational Missions.

(c) The Resolutions Committee made a report, given by Mrs. Betty Sue Berry.

22. Adjourned by C. C. Reece.

SPECIAL NOTES BY CLERK

1. There are no missions sponsored by the churches of this Association.
2. There are no assistant pastors or educational directors in the churches of this Association.
3. There are no visual education directors in the churches of this Association.
4. There are no recreation directors or committees in the churches of this Association.
5. There is no calendar of activities of the Association at the present time.
6. There were no kindergartens or church day schools in this Association.
7. Only one church (Mt. Hebron) observed Church Music Month, and a total of two copies of **Church Musician** was ordered by one church (Oak Ridge).

ORDAINED MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN ASSOCIATION

Ralph Abee, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Abee's Chapel
Hansel Bryant, R-1, Valdese.....Berea
Norris Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Berea
Levi Fredell, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Hildebran View
Harry Parker, Hildebran.....Henry River
Osco Parker, Hickory.....Henry River
Chissie Smart, Connelly Springs.....Smart's Grove
Johnny Spake, R-1, Casar.....Zoar
Sanford Stamey (no address).....St. Paul
Ernest Towery (no address).....St. Paul
S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs (Associational Missionary)....Mt. Hebron
Eugene Walls, R-4, Hickory.....Beulah

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Fred LeFevers, Connelly Springs.....Berea
Clyde Martin, Hildebran.....Henry River

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Paul Robinson, R-1, Box 10, Connelly Springs.....Berea
James Bell, 605 Martin Street, Shelby.....Smart's Grove
Charles T. Stephens, Jr., R-4, Box 312, Hickory.....Wilkie's Grove

STUDENTS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar.....Pisgah

MUSICAL DIRECTORS

Ronda Crawford, R-1, Box 110, Valdese.....Abee's Chapel
Hansel Bryant, R-1, Valdese.....Berea
Bud Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Beulah
C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton.....Carswell Memorial
Everette McNeilly, R-1, Casar.....Corinth
Thelma Minton, Rhodhiss.....Drowning Creek
Sanford Burns, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Hildebran View
C. P. Sain, 1026 41st St., Hickory.....Midway
Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory.....Mt. Calvary
Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Mt. Hebron
Omar Hoyle, R-2, Vale.....Mt. Vernon
Glen Parker, Casar.....Mt. Zion
Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Valdese.....Mull's Chapel
Glenn Lowdermilk, Hickory.....Oak Ridge
Junior Crotts, R-1, Casar.....Olive Grove
Margie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Philadelphia
Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar.....Pisgah
Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton.....Pleasant Grove
Jinks Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs.....St. John's
C. W. Cooke, R-1, Casar.....St. Paul
Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard.....Shoup's Grove
Mrs. Betty Mace, Connelly Springs.....Smart's Grove
Thelma Hildebran, R-4, Hickory.....South Fork
Bobby Lowman, R-4, Morganton.....Walker's Chapel
Barbara Young, R-4, Hickory.....Wilkie's Grove
Fred Sain, R-3, Vale.....Zion Hill
Arnold Lail, R-3, Lawndale.....Zoar

PIANISTS OR ORGANISTS

Gail Lowman, Box 27, Valdese.....Abee's Chapel
Mrs. Flo Buff, Box 462, Hildebran.....Berea
Carroll Pruitte, R-3, Vale.....Beulah
Mrs. Paul Carswell, R-6, Morganton.....Carswell Memorial
Mrs. Ruby Short, R-1, Casar.....Corinth
Mrs. C. H. Kirby, Box 220, R-5, Hickory.....Drowning Creek
Mrs. Nancy Mayes, Hildebran.....Henry River
Addie Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Hildebran View
Mrs. Clay Dowell, Hildebran.....Midway
Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory.....Mt. Calvary
Mary McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Mt. Gilead
Alice Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Mt. Hebron
Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale.....Mt. Vernon
Evelyn Smith, R-1, Casar.....Mt. Zion
Mrs. Earl Johnston (no address).....Mull's Chapel
Mrs. Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs.....Oak Ridge
Mrs. Fred Spurling, R-2, Shelby.....Olive Grove
Patsy Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Philadelphia
Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar.....Pisgah

Mrs. Eva Williams, 3980 Main Ave., Hickory.....Pleasant Grove
Danny Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs.....St. John's
Bentha Cooke, R-1, Casar.....St. Paul
Mrs. Elsie Childress, R-2, Connelly Springs.....Shoup's Grove
Elizabeth Lail, R-1, Valdese.....Smart's Grove
Mrs. Rosalee Greenhill, Hildebran.....South Fork
Jerlene Lane, R-1, Valdese.....Walker's Chapel
Margaret Wright, R-4, Hickory.....Wilkie's Grove
Juanita Ramsey, R-1, Connelly Springs.....Zion Hill
Mrs. Everette Costner, Box 17, Casar.....Zoar

OUR BELOVED DEAD

BEREA — Mrs. Ida Crump, Leonard Church.

MIDWAY — Lionel Brunner.

MT. CALVARY — Mrs. Patsy Bradshaw.

MT. HEBRON — Fonzo Lowman.

MT. GILEAD — Mrs. Temple Pruitt, Mrs. Charlene Pruitt, Dock Pruitt.

MT. ZION — Hartzel Yount, McKinley Walker.

MULL'S CHAPEL — Alvin Workman.

OLIVE GROVE — Mrs. Muriel Bradshaw, Jim Randall, Cornie Tallent.

PHILADELPHIA — Fred Brittain.

PISGAH — Dennie Canipe, Mrs. Ruffin Smith, Vance Tallent.

PLEASANT GROVE — Kelly Carswell, Alonzo Hudson.

ST. JOHN'S — Schyler Hudson.

ST. PAUL — Mrs. Willie Burns, Mrs. Harvey Hudson.

SMART'S GROVE — Willie Lail.

SOUTH FORK — Feliz Whitener.

WILKIE'S GROVE — Noah Young.

ZION HILL — J. C. Tallent, Mrs. Emma Sain, Waits Hipps.

ZOAR — Carlos Rich.

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Clerk: Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Moderator: Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale

Churches	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss By Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper?	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2,4	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	8	4	2	.....	.....	193	.....	57	Yes	Yes	No	.....
Berea	Rural	1947	1,2,3,4	Ray Billings, R-1, Box 16D, C. Springs	37	21	13	162	45	207	2	50	Yes	No	No	1,785
Beulah	Rural	1904	1,2,3,4	T. W. VanHorn, 139 26th St., Hickory	14	5	6	95	52	147	1	17	Yes	No	No	1,975
Carswell Memorial	Rural	1938	1,2,3,4	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	1	6	.....	69	6	75	1	12	Yes			1,040
Corinth	Rural	1884	1,3	G. W. Lynch, R-1, Mill Springs	11	2	3	120	54	174	2	19	Yes	Yes	No	1,316
Drowning Creek	Rural	1952	1,2,3,4	J. W. Greer, R-1, Granite Falls	4	5	18	30	6	36	1	7	No	Yes	No	1,200
Henry River	V	1940	1,2,3,4	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran	4	2	1	82	.....	82	1	.....	No	No	No	3,895
Hildebran View	Rural	1947	1,2,3,4	Ottas Cook, R-1, Casar	3	7	.....	42	.....	42	2	2	No	No	No	920
Midway	Rural	1956	1,2,3,4	Grady McCurry, 1039 41st St., Hickory	6	19	14	102	7	109	1	70	No	No	No	3,110
Mt. Calvary	Rural	1952	1,2,3,4	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory	3	1	6	41	3	44	2	6	No	No	No	600
Mt. Gilead	Rural	1840	1,3	C. C. Reece, China Grove	.....	.....	8	37	8	45	1	1				.....
Mt. Hebron	Rural	1900	1,2,3,4	Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs	15	5	7	182	28	210	1	.....	Yes	Yes	No	3,900
Mt. Vernon	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	14	.....	2	215	75	290	1	21	No	No	No	3,900
Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	1,2,3,4	W. E. Hill, Box 96, Caroleen	2	.....	5	180	40	215	2	12	No	No	No	1,200
Mull's Chapel	Rural	1871	1,2,3,4	Paul Robinson, R-1, Connelly Springs	6	3	3	.....	.....	114	1	9	No	No	No	1,000
Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	1,2,3,4	Harold Whitener, Connelly Springs	3	6	9	210	24	234	1	85	Yes	Yes	No	3,144
Olive Grove	Rural	1884	1,2,3,4	L. B. Harris, R-3, Mooresboro	.....	.....	10	158	73	231	2	3	No	No	No	1,200
Philadelphia	Rural	1952	2,4	C. C. Reece, China Grove	4	.....	1	.....	.....	56	1	4	No	No	No	615
Pisgah	Rural	1840	1,2,3,4	.....	7	.....	3	146	28	174	2	20	Yes	No	No	3,380
Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2,4	John Smart, R-1, Connelly Sprnigs	1	1	2	93	21	114	2	8	No	No	No	655
St. John's	Rural	1842	2,4	Jason Stilwell, R-1, Connelly Springs	12	.....	1	.....	.....	109	2	14	No	No	No	1,560
St. Paul	Rural	1840	1,3	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	2	3	6	.....	.....	470	2	20	No	Yes	No	2,080
Shoup's Grove	Rural	1892	1,2,3,4	Joe Richards, Icard	5	2	.....	170	51	221	2	32	Yes	No	No	3,362
Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	2,4	W. L. Blanton, R-1, Casar	3	.....	1	77	28	105	3	17	No	No	No	1,835
South Fork	Rural	1937	1,2,3,4	Max Baker, R-4, Hickory	10	16	5	52	36	88	2	23.	No	Yes	No	2,600
Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	1,3	Floyd Beaver, R-3, Lincolnton	18	2	11	138	.....	138	2	19	No	No	No	2,172
Wilkie's Grove	Rural	1896	1,2,3,4	C. T. Stephens, Jr., R-4, Box 312, Hickory	23	5	7	164	23	187	2	24	Yes	No	No	2,609
Zion Hill	Rural	1859	1,2,3,4	J. E. Hoffman, R-3, Vale	2	.....	7	186	57	243	2	14	Yes	No	No	2,194
				Totals	228	115	155	2813	696	4446	46	566				

Table 5 THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Associational Superintendent: Charles Townsend
R-1, Connelly Springs

Churches	Sunday School Superintendents	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Young People, Away	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up	Extension Department	General Officers	Grand Total S.S. Enrolment	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Church V.B.S. Enrolment	Total V.B.S. Enrolment	Jan. Bible Study?	Preparation Week?
Abee's Chapel	Denver Buchanan, R-2, C. Springs	.....	20	21	22	25	27	.....	18	.....	48	41	.....	3	225	180	.....	74	74	Yes	Yes
Berea	Chas. Townsend, R-1, C. Springs	11	31	22	25	43	31	30	43	.....	31	47	12	5	326	168	2	150	150	Yes	No
Beulah	Howard Mull, R-3, Vale	.....	.....	14	12	12	14	17	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	108	84	1	87	87	No	No
Carswell Memorial	John Lindsey, R-4, Morganton	.....	.....	8	5	7	7	6	4	3	7	26	.....	2	75	55	.....	.....	.....		
Corinth	Joe R. White, R-1, Casar	.....	6	26	25	12	25	20	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	.....	190	.....	.....	92	92	No	Yes
Drowning Creek	Roy Tucker, Box 225, Rhodhiss	.....	4	4	7	10	1	9	.....	.....	7	15	.....	28	85	.....	1	90	90	Yes	Yes
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory	.....	17	21	27	37	31	8	52	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	229	117	.....	92	92	No	No
Hildebran View	Walter Hudson, R-1, C. Springs	.....	6	3	13	9	8	4	6	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	72	56	.....	51	51	Yes	No
Midway	Ben Raby, Henry River	.....	12	12	8	22	20	.....	30	5	57	.....	.....	2	163	98	.....	112	112	No	No
Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	2	9	6	12	5	5	3	.....	10	25	.....	8	77	55	1	51	51	No	No
Mt. Gilead		.....	.....	11	.....	7	11	.....	.....	.....	9	7	.....	.....	45	30	.....	45	45	No	No
Mt. Hebron	J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	13	15	17	32	22	8	.....	.....	38	61	.....	3	209	150	.....	87	87	Yes	Yes
Mt. Vernon	Blair Wesson, R-2, Vale	.....	30	23	35	39	17	.....	20	.....	51	79	.....	4	298	176	1	123	123	Yes	No
Mt. Zion	R. H. Hunt, R-1, Casar	.....	.....	11	9	12	7	9	.....	5	.....	33	.....	8	78	.....	.....	60	60	No	No
Mull's Chapel	Clyde McClurd, Valdese	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	59	.....	52	52	No	No
Oak Ridge	Billy Evans, R-2, C. Springs	.....	20	21	20	24	32	18	32	.....	44	42	10	4	267	148	1	126	126	Yes	Yes
Olive Grove	Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar	.....	.....	11	10	15	29	26	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	122	97	.....	88	88	No	No
Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R-1, C. Springs	.....	3	.....	11	13	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	67	50	.....	.....	.....	No	No
Pisgah	J. C. Buff, Casar	.....	12	14	11	17	15	18	.....	.....	18	25	1	5	136	93	2	87	87	Yes	No
Pleasant Grove	John Williams, 3980 Main, Hick.	.....	5	9	15	25	13	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	125	90	.....	75	75	No	No
St. John's	Frank Hoyle, R-1, C. Springs	.....	.....	28	16	20	7	24	24	.....	9	16	.....	6	145	125	1	.....	.....		
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Casar	.....	.....	16	23	37	40	24	23	.....	24	73	.....	5	265	161	.....	142	142	No	No
Shoup's Grove	Garland Seagle, R-2, C. Springs	19	7	31	22	34	24	11	22	.....	17	42	2	5	236	156	1	119	119	Yes	No
Smart's Grove	James Bell, 605 Martin, Shelby	22	3	5	10	18	.....	10	4	.....	5	30	.....	5	125	85	.....	70	70	No	No
South Fork	Eugene Propst, R-4, Hickory	5	6	11	15	17	6	.....	5	.....	12	23	2	3	105	80	.....	73	73	Yes	Yes
Walker's Chapel	Everette Lowman, R-4, Morg'ton	.....	12	11	13	21	36	.....	49	.....	.....	40	.....	2	182	125	.....	72	72	No	No
Wilkie's Grove	Walter Brittain, R-4, Hickory	8	6	13	21	32	20	9	4	.....	42	27	7	7	196	116	2	98	98	Yes	No
Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R-1, C. Springs	.....	5	41	29	29	30	11	30	.....	45	49	.....	8	244	190	.....	82	82	Yes	No
Zoar	J. C. White, R-1, Casar	.....	.....	12	9	14	11	12	.....	.....	7	26	.....	.....	88	67	.....	.....	.....	No	No
	Totals	65	220	423	436	595	489	279	397	13	613	855	34	113	4579	2811	12	2198	2198		

Table C TRAINING UNION

Associational Director: Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs

Churches	Training Union Directors and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Youth Week?
Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs	13	5	12	29	24	25	12	29	.....	4	153	101	1	Yes
Beulah	Darrell Pruitt, R-3, Vale	.....	5	6	9	9	9	.....	18	.....	.....	56	40	1	No
Drowning Creek	.....	5	2	3	1	.....	10	.....	12	.....	10	43	.....	1	Yes
Henry River	Clyde Martin, R-4, Hickory	5	.....	6	10	8	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	56	54	.....	No
Midway	Sarah Harrison, 927 9th Ave., Hickory	.....	2	3	18	.....	19	.....	.....	14	2	58	34	1	No
Mt. Hebron	Dorothy Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	15	16	10	7	16	.....	11	2	77	60	.....	Yes
Mt. Vernon	Ford Houser, R-2, Vale	8	.....	11	23	23	.....	.....	48	.....	8	115	62	1	No
Mt. Zion	Sam Proctor, R-1, Casar	.....	8	10	9	3	9	.....	.....	8	5	52	40	.....	No
Oak Ridge	Lucille Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs	6	.....	9	8	2	3	17	.....	13	2	61	50	.....	No
Pisgah	Gene Canipe, R-1, Casar	.....	.....	17	10	8	.....	15	.....	16	2	68	45	1	No
Shoup's Grove	Leroy Childress, R-2, Connelly Springs	7	3	5	20	12	15	.....	22	.....	2	86	59	1	Yes
South Fork	Leonard Greenhill, Hildebran	5	11	7	12	6	.....	11	12	.....	3	69	52	1	Yes
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, R-4, Hickory	2	6	13	28	12	3	.....	.....	9	6	79	50	1	Yes
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, R-3, Lawndale	.....	.....	17	10	10	.....	.....	17	14	5	68	50	.....	No
Zoar	Luther McDaniel, Box 84, Casar	.....	.....	14	9	.....	10	.....	.....	15	.....	48	21	.....	No
	Totals	51	42	148	212	127	110	71	185	100	45	1089	718	9	

Table D CHURCH MUSIC

Associational Music Director: Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Connelly Springs

Churches	Minister of Music or Choir Director of Churches	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adult	General Officers	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	Sept. Music Month Observed?	Name of Hymnal Used In Auditorium
Abee's Chapel	Ronda Crawford, R-1, Box 110, Valdese								No	Broadman
Berea	Hansel Bryant, R-1, Valdese			16	20		36		No	Broadman
Beulah	Bud Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs								No	Broadman
Carswell Memorial	C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton								No	
Corinth	Everette McNeilly, R-1, Casar								No	Broadman
Drowning Creek	Thelma Minton, Rhodhiss								No	Broadman
Henry River									No	Modern
Hildebran View	Sanford Burns, R-1, Connelly Springs								No	Heavenly Highways
Midway	C. P. Sain, 1026 41st St., Hickory								No	Broadman
Mt. Calvary	Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory								No	Church
Mt. Gilead									No	Favorite Songs
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. J. M. Shell, R-1, Connelly Springs						15	10	Yes	Baptist
Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, R-2, Vale								No	Broadman
Mt. Zion	Glen Parker, Casar								No	Broadman
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Valdese								No	Broadman
Oak Ridge	Glen Lowdermilk, Hickory	12			20		32		No	Broadman
Olive Grove	Junior Crotts, R-1, Casar								No	Favorite Songs
Philadelphia	Margie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs								No	Broadman
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar								No	Broadman
Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsey, R-4, Morganton								No	Favorite Songs
St. John's	Jinks Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs								No	Favorite Hymns
St. Paul	C. W. Cooke, R-1, Casar								No	Heavenly Highways
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Eugene Houston, Box 107, Icard	8	9	7	11	2	37	35	No	Broadman
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Betty Mace, R-1, Connelly Springs								No	Favorite Songs
South Fork	Thelma Hildebran, R-4, Hickory								No	Broadman
Walker's Chapel	Bobby Lowman, R-4, Box 342, Morganton								No	Broadman
Wilkie's Grove	Barbara Young, R-4, Box 756, Hickory								No	Broadman
Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-3, Vale								No	Broadman
Zoar	Arnold Lail, R-3, Lawndale								No	Heavenly Highways
	Totals	20	9	23	51	2	120	45		

Table E BROTHERHOOD WORK

Associational Brotherhood President: Delbert Walker, Fallston

Churches	Presidents Men's Brotherhoods	Chairmen R.A. Committees	No. Junior R.A. Chapters	Junior R.A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R.A. Chapters	Intermediate R.A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enrolment	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	Grand Total Enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Max Lowman, R-1, Valdese	Ivey Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs		22			22	34			78
Berea	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	George Fredell, Connelly Springs	1	17	1	8	25				25
Beulah	Eugene Walls, R-4, Hickory							16		16	16
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	James Southerland, Connelly Springs	1	10			10		30	30	40
Pisgah		Robert Beam, Casar			1	4	4		8	8	12
St. John's	Jerry Reynolds, R-1, C. Springs	Clyde Noggle, R-1, Connelly Springs							14	14	14
Shoup's Grove	Clyde Houston, Box 3, Icard	Leroy Childress, R-2, C. Springs		13		2	15		14	14	29
South Fork	George Morgan, Icard	Bobby Abernethy, R-4, Hickory				9		9		9	18
Wilkie's Grove	Carless Young, R-4, Hickory	Tommy Stephens, R-4, Hickory						12		12	12
		Totals	2	62	2	23	76	71	66	103	244

Table F WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational President: Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton

Churches	Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	Sunbeam Units	G.A. Units	Y.W.A. Units	W.M.S. Units	Total Units	Sunbeam Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	W.M.S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Mildred Crawford, R-1, Valdese		1		1	2		24		34	58	
Berea	Mrs. J. G. Brittain, R-2, Connelly Springs				1	1				17	17	12
Beulah	Mrs. Lecie Benfield, R-3, Vale		1		1	2		12		11	23	8
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Margaret Smith, R-4, Morganton		1	1	1	3		5	7	8	20	6
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ruby Young, Hildebran				1	1				9	9	9
Midway	Mrs. Grady McCurry, 1039 41st St., Hickory		1	1	1	3		14	18	15	47	25
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs		1	1	1	3		11	6	17	34	14
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	1	2		1	4	22	18		30	70	15
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Ivey Heavner, R-3, Vale											
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Shirley Whitener, Connelly Springs	1	1	1	1	4	12	8	11	18	49	16
Olive Grove	Mrs. Grady Brackett, R-1, Casar				1	1				18	18	
Philadelphia	Mrs. C. C. Reece, China Grove				1	1				9	9	
Pisgah	Mrs. Dick Hoyle, Casar	1	1	1	1	4	9	11	10	8	38	8
St. John's	Lillie Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs				1	1				20	20	
St. Paul	Mrs. R. P. Willis, R-3, Lawndale				1	1				12	12	7
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Betty Johnson, Box 263, Icard		1			1		6		17	23	12
South Fork	Mrs. Shirley Baker, R-4, Hickory	1	1	1	1	4	10	12		19	41	19
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Elbert Cooke, R-1, Valdese		1		1	2		12		20	32	5
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Yvonne Stephens, R-4, Hickory		1		1	2		12		12	24	20
Zion Hill	Mrs. William Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs				1	1				22	22	2
	Totals	4	13	6	18	41	53	145	52	316	566	178

Table G BUILDING GOALS FOR COMING YEAR — SPECIAL INFORMATION

Churches	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, Material, and Equipment	Total Church Debt At End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year	Participate RABP?	Church Library
Abee's Chapel		50,000	1,356	16,199		35	No	No
Berea		45,000	438	24,028	7	160	Yes	No
Beulah		15,000	26				No	No
Carswell Memorial		12,000			5	60		
Corinth		13,000	44					No
Drowning Creek		10,000	346			60		No
Henry River	6,814	31,302	1,740				No	No
Hildebran View			841				No	No
Midway		18,000	543	5,117			No	No
Mt. Calvary		7,000	1,200				No	No
Mt. Gilead			1,000					No
Mt. Hebron	5,000	25,000	1,618		7	65	No	Yes
Mt. Vernon	15,000	31,500	80		10	156	No	No
Mt. Zion		12,000					No	No
Mull's Chapel		40,000	3,236					No
Oak Ridge	7,000	58,000	764	26,000	5	100	No	No
Olive Grove		10,000	53				No	No
Philadelphia		8,000		2,150				
Pisgah	12,000	35,000			4	15	No	No
Pleasant Grove		6,000	7,198				No	No
St. John's		6,800	238	2,686				No
St. Paul		34,000			4		No	No
Shoup's Grove	7,000	22,000	2,788	7,250	15		No	No
Smart's Grove		6,000	856				Yes	No
South Fork	4,000	10,000	1,040	1,772			Yes	No
Walker's Chapel		9,500					No	No
Wilkie's Grove		45,000		550	4		No	No
Zion Hill		45,000				120	No	No
Totals	56,814	620,102	25,405	85,752	61	771		

Churches	Treasurers and Addresses	Total Receipts For All Purposes	Grand Total Expenditures For All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Other Church Staff Salaries	Other Local Expenses	Grand Total Local Expenses
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese	10,192	9,671	2,550	620	1,592	4,762
Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs	12,324	11,661	1,785	420	8,035	10,240
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 209 1st Ave., Hickory	3,975	3,285	1,975	240	1,040	3,255
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. R. Poteat, R-4, Morganton	3,014	2,587	1,040	157	1,146	2,343
Corinth	C. S. Botts, R-1, Casar	5,250	2,157	1,316	275	250	1,841
Drowning Creek	Mrs. O. L. Talbert, R-5, Hickory	3,623	2,540	1,200	255	549	2,004
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory	7,623	7,890	3,895	.....	1,740	5,635
Hildebran View	Mrs. Bertha Pruett, R-1, Connelly Springs	350	1,510	920	.....	540	1,460
Midway	Dwight Harris, 3716 Main Ave., Hickory	5,688	5,005	3,110	197	1,582	4,889
Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	2,600	.....	600	200	219	1,019
Mt. Gilead	Sanford McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	60	.....	1,036	1,096
Mt. Hebron	Eugene McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs	8,392	8,890	3,900	240	3,995	8,135
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	8,388	7,028	3,900	364	1,365	5,629
Mt. Zion	Sammie Proctor, R-1, Lawndale	2,195	2,016	1,200	120	536	1,856
Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, Hickory	4,539	4,514	595	295	.....	891
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	10,163	12,280	3,144	468	7,420	11,032
Olive Grove	Miss Frances Johnson, R-3, Lawndale	2,543	2,195	1,050	445	593	2,088
Philadelphia	Helen Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	2,091	1,725	615	.....	.....	615
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	6,981	5,629	3,120	.....	2,067	5,187
Pleasant Grove	James Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs	5,027	8,575	655	65	7,804	8,524
St. John's	Glen Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	3,629	3,204	1,560	240	357	2,157
St. Paul	Alvin Cook, R-1, Connelly Springs	7,540	6,862	2,123	810	3,222	6,155
Shoup's Grove	J. A. Berry, Jr., R-2, Connelly Springs	10,387	11,403	3,362	260	7,023	10,645
Smart's Grove	Norma Abee, R-1, Connelly Springs	3,561	3,439	1,760	240	1,480	3,480
South Fork	Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, R-4, Hickory	5,389	6,010	2,600	184	1,348	4,132
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Pearl Lowman, R-4, Morganton	4,153	4,382	2,172	489	1,293	3,954
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edith Martin, R-4, Hickory	5,953	5,881	2,609	552	2,118	5,379
Zion Hill	Mrs. Harlan Smith, R-4, Morganton	6,488	6,640	2,194	374	3,658	6,226
Zoar	Everette Costner, Box 17, Casar	1,882	2,196	720	300	102	1,122
	Totals	154,050	149,176	55,730	7,810	62,110	125,751

Table I MISSION EXPENDITURES

Associational Missionary: S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs

Churches	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Designated Association	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Designated Christian Education, Schools	Designated Children's Homes	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects Bible Society, Homes For Aged	Total Mission Expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Leroy Lowman, R-1, Valdese		35	25	25	50		50	50	50	285
Berea	Mrs. Viola Bryant, Box 67, Connelly Springs	685	160	10	54	221	12	93	186		1,421
Beulah	Mrs. Hettie Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	15	78					15	17	10	135
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, R-4, Morganton	53	60	15	20	21		36	40		245
Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar	139						49	10	10	212
Drowning Creek	Mrs. O. L. Tolbert, R-5, Hickory		60	10	9	17		7	8		111
Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Gen. Del., Henry River					2,002		17	13	238	2,270
Hildebran View	Addie Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs							15	10		35
Midway	Mrs. Roland Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs				5	9	103		9		126
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Irene Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs							21	30	17	68
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Ruth Parker, R-4, Morganton	10		15			7		12		44
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ray McDowell, R-1, Connelly Springs	420	18	61	62	40	378	63	52	29	1,123
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	786	195	51	51	126	21	73	55	40	1,398
Mt. Zion	R. H. Hunt, R-1, Casar	160									160
Mull's Chapel		39		15	20	20		145		110	349
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Larry Abernethy	341	40	10	16	56	3	88	100		654
Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, R-1, Casar				12	13	10	35	27	11	108
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sallie Reep, R-1, Connelly Springs								20		20
Pisgah	Mrs. Ray Canipe, Casar	71		25	40	100		125	50	31	452
Pleasant Grove	Miss Annie Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Sprgs.					12			29		41
St. John's	Lucille Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs							50			50
St. Paul	R. A. Brackett, R-3, Lawndale	172	124	76	27	82	13	110	103		707
Shoup's Grove	Carolyn Powell, Box 67, Icard	540	120		9	32	12	16	13	16	758
Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, R-4, Morganton	19						25	25		69
South Fork	Mrs. Edna Miller, Box 95, Icard		70	30	35	35		60	25	28	283
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Carline Beaver, R-3, Lincolnton	12		16	26	54	12	63	15		198
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, R-4, Hickory	110		10	12	15		63	85	48	343
Zion Hill	Money Lail, R-3, Lawndale										

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First Day ..... Mt. Vernon
Second Day ..... Shoup's Grove

Tommy Stephens will preach the Doctrinal Message
Ray Blackwelder will preach the Missionary Message

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Vice Moderator	J. E. Hoffman, R-3, Vale
Clerk	Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Treasurer	Miss Doris Upton, R-2, Vale
Sunday School Supt.	Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs
Assistant Sunday School Supt.	Roy Tucker, Box 225, Rhodhiss
Vacation Bible School Supt.	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Asst. V.B.S. Supt.	Mrs. Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran
Training Union Supt.	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs
Asst. Training Union Supt.	Tommy Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory
W.M.U. Supt.	Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Hospital Representative	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Orphanage Representative	Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale
Homes for Aging Representative	Tommy Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory
Evangelism Supt.	T. W. VanHorn, 3010-8th Ave., Hickory
Brotherhood Supt.	Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston
R.A. Supt.	Leroy Childers, R-2, Connelly Springs
Pianist	Miss Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Music Director	Mrs. Boyd Wilson, R-2, Connelly Springs

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Officers

Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	Mt. Vernon
Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale	Zion Hill
J. E. Hoffman, R-3, Vale	Zion Hill
Miss Doris Upton, R-2, Vale	Mt. Vernon
Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton	Walker's Chapel
S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs	Associational Missionary
Charles Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs	Berea
Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	Berea
Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston	St. Paul
Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	Oak Ridge

Pastors

Abee's Chapel	Mack Hodge, Bakersville
Berea	Ray Billings, R-2, Connelly Springs
Beulah	E. O. Bustle, Jonas Ridge
Carswell Memorial	(none at present)
Corinth	Charles McDaniel, R-2, Bostic
Drowning Creek	T. W. VanHorn, 3010-8th Ave., Hickory
Grace and Truth	Roy Craig, 310-12th St., Hickory
Henry River	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran

Hildebran View	Otis Cook, R-1, Casar
Midway	Grady McCurry, 1039-41st St., Hickory
Mt. Calvary	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory
Mt. Gilead	C. C. Reece, Box B-792, China Grove
Mt. Hebron	Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Mt. Zion	W. E. Hill, Box 96, Caroleen
Mull's Chapel	Paul Robinson, R-1, Box 10-B, Connelly Springs
Oak Ridge	Harold Whitener, Box 815, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove	L. B. Harris, R-1, Mooresboro
Philadelphia	(none at present)
Pisgah	Earsel Roberson, R-1, Casar
Pleasant Grove	John H. Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs
St. John's	Bill Blanton, R-1, Casar
St. Paul	Tommy Taylor, R-3, Lawndale
Shoup's Grove	G. P. Sullivan, Icard
Smart's Grove	Floyd Beaver, Lincolnton
South Fork	Hansel Bryant, R-4, Hickory
Walker's Chapel	Ray Blackwelder, 408 Tallyrand Ave., Monroe
Wilkie's Grove	Tommy Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory
Zion Hill	J. E. Hoffman, R-3, Vale
Zoar	A. M. Martin, R-2, Ellenboro

Electives

Abee's Chapel	Otis Lowman, Jr., R-1, Connelly Springs
Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs
Beulah	L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsey, R-4, Morganton
Corinth	Joe White, R-1, Casar
Midway	Elwood Caulder, Hickory
Mt. Calvary	Wade Cook, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Gilead	Thomas Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon	Johnnie Leatherman, R-2, Vale
Mt. Zion	Glen Parker, Box 37, Casar
Mull's Chapel	Atley Rhoney, R-4, Hickory
Oak Ridge	Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove	Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar
Pisgah	J. C. Buff, Casar
St. John's	Stanley Willis, R-4, Hickory
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Casar
Shoup's Grove	J. A. Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs
Smart's Grove	J. C. Mace, R-1, Connelly Springs
Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, R-4, Morganton
Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, R-3, Lawndale
Zoar	Lester Lail, R-3, Lawndale

(Also electives from churches not reported at press time)

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Officers

President ..... Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton
Vice-President ..... Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Secretary-Treas. ..... Mrs. Hazel Gantt, R-1, Connelly Springs
Sunbeam Band Leader ..... (unknown)
G.A. Director ..... Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale
Y.W.A. Director ..... Mrs. Addie McClurd, Rostan St., Valdese
Prayer Chairman ..... Mrs. Harold Whitener, Box 815, Connelly Spgs.
Community Missions Chairman ..... Mrs. Betty Sue Berry, R-2, C. Spgs.
Mission Study Chairman ..... Mrs. Paul Robinson, R-1, Connelly Spgs.
Stewardship Chm. ..... Mrs. Tommy Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory
Jubilee Chairman ..... Mrs. Edsel Mull, R-2, Connelly Springs
Margaret Fund Chairman ..... Miss Selma White, R-3, Lawndale
Literature Chairman ..... Mrs. Charlie Young, R-4, Hickory

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL — Lynn Buchanan, Mrs. Nellie Lowman, Mrs. Adele Setzer, Mrs. Gertrude Barger.

BEREA — Charles Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Will Berry, Mrs. Ray Billings, Mrs. Betty Carger, Mrs. Viola Bryant.

BEULAH — Arthur Yancey, Mrs. Ollen Benfield, Mrs. Howard Mull, Mrs. E. A. Rudisill.

CARSWELL MEMORIAL — Versie Carswell, Mayo Lindsey, Paul Burch.

CORINTH — Mrs. Mozelle Lail, Mrs. Paris Black, Leonard Newton, J. L. Newton, Joe Walker.

DROWNING CREEK — Ray Kirby, Roy Tucker, Herbert Buckner, Mrs. Emma Tolbert, Mrs. Gracie Setzer.

GRACE AND TRUTH—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Craig, Mrs. Dovie Baker.

HENRY RIVER—(not represented)

HILDEBRAN VIEW — Ivey Hoyle, Miles Pruette, Mrs. Berthie Pruette, Walter Hudson, Mrs. Addie Hudson.

MIDWAY — Mrs. Clay Dowell, Mrs. Perry Marshall, Mrs. Grady McCurry, Mrs. R. S. Rhoney, C. P. Sain.

MT. CALVARY — Mrs. Ruth Lail, Wade Cook, Mrs. Margie Stilwell, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Edith Stillwell.

MT. GILEAD — Mrs. Wayne Buff, Bill Parker, Mrs. Lottie Lail, Mrs. Roney Lail.

MT. HEBRON — Mrs. Buna Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, Mrs. Mae Lowman, Mrs. Bertha Hildebran.

MT. VERNON — Mrs. Omar Hoyle, J. A. Burton, Mrs. A. L. Gantt, Mrs. S. C. Wesson.

MT. ZION — Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proctor.

MULL'S CHAPEL — Clyde McClurd, A. L. Rhoney, Mrs. Cordie Rhoney, A. C. Peeler.
OAK RIDGE — Mrs. Guy Smith, Mrs. John Beach, Mrs. Gilbert Chavis, Glenn Stevens, Mrs. Harold Whitener.
OLIVE GROVE — John Cook, Johnnie Walker, C. M. Cook, W. E. Walker, P. M. Deal.
PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Edna Kizer, Mrs. Sadie Brittain, Mrs. Meadie Franklin, Marston Huffman.
PISGAH — Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Buff, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hastings.
PLEASANT GROVE — Mr. and Mrs. Max Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker.
ST. JOHN'S—Frank Hoyle, Glen Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Sammie Huffman, Hazel Gantt, Rosalie Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Brittain.
ST. PAUL — Howard White, Marion Benfield, Hubert Cook, Glen Meade.
SHOUP'S GROVE — Mrs. Lula Damerson, Mrs. Violet Brittain, Mrs. Lizzie Evans, Mrs. Charlsie McGalliard, Mrs. C. W. Crotts.
SMART'S GROVE — Elizabeth Lail, Maggie Cook, Belle Lail, Flora Lail, Ruth Lowman.
SOUTH FORK — Mrs. Hansel Bryant, Mrs. Lucklle Wilson, Mrs. Milan Prost, Mrs. Rosalee Greenhill.
WALKER'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, Mr. and Mrs. Scot Huffman, Clee Huffman, Everette Lowman.
WILKIE'S GROVE—Walter Brittain, Mrs. Edna Young, Mrs. Alice Wilkie, Mrs. Mildred Clark, Mrs. Merdus Young.
ZION HILL—Will Hudson, Cecil Cook, Marshall Buff, Caleb Blackwood.
ZOAR — Plato Hull, J. C. White, Everett Costner, Mrs. Stella Gettys, Mrs. Lester Lail.

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under,

may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and hold office until their successors are elected.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the second Sunday of October unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is or may be composed and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association, it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions and stating the name of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of the associational officers and the pastor of each church, along with one member from each church, elected by the church. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.
    (b) The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting, at the call of the Moderator, soon after the annual session of the Association. At this meeting, such committee shall be appointed as is necessary to carry on the work of the Association.
    (c) Special and Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
    (d) The Moderator shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between annual sessions of the Association.
13. The Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
14. **Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws,** as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Amendments to the Constitution as adopted at the annual session, October 14, 1960

1. That no one person be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given per-

mission by the Moderator or two thirds of the messengers present.

2. That no department officer shall exercise authority over his department, except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by **Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.**
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

NOTICE

All associational officers and their assistants are available to offer assistance in their field at any time they are called upon to do so by any church needing such aid. They pledge their co-operation with all church officials and members in carrying on the work of the Association.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1950-1960

1950—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; A. V. Ledford, N. S. Hardin, Preachers; Oak Ridge, Corinth, Places.

1951—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk; Grady Welch, L. A. Miller, Preachers; Icard, Zion Hill, Places.

1952—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator; J. E. Hoffman, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Claude Icard, Clerk; Lamont Mayes, W. H. Flowers, Preachers; Henry River, St. Paul, Places.

1953—S. M. Stroupe, Moderator, B. R. Holbrook, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, Preachers; Bethany, Mt. Vernon, Places.

1954—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; A. V. Ledford, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Forrest Davis, B. R. Holbrook, Preachers; Shoup's Grove, Walker's Chapel, Places.

1955—J. E. Hoffman, Moderator; Ralph Berry, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk; Buren Hastings, J. E. Huffman, Preachers; Connelly Springs, Pisgah, Places.

1956—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Julius Hildebran, Ralph Berry, Preachers; Icard, Mull's Chapel, Places.

1957—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Joe Richards, B. H. Cline, Preachers; Abee's Chapel, Carswell Memorial, Places.

1958—Paul Crotts, Moderator; W. N. Reece, Vice-Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; J. E. Hoffman, Paul Crotts, Preachers; St. John's, Oak Ridge, Places.

1959—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Edsel Mull, Grady McCurry, Preachers; Berea and Beulah, Places.

1960—Paul Crotts, Moderator; Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk; Harold Whitener, Earsel Roberson, Preachers; Midway, Zion Hill, Places.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTIETH SESSION

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Midway and Zion Hill

October 13-14, 1960

Thursday Morning Session

Midway Baptist Church

(All Reports are found in "Reports Section" in alphabetical order)

1. The session was called to order by Moderator Paul Crotts.
2. Mrs. Boyd Wilson led the congregation in singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers."
3. The host pastor, Grady McCurry, welcomed the body and led in the devotional.
4. The presentation of the program was made by Edsel Mull and was adopted by the body, with the necessary changes.
5. The Clerk, Mrs. Frank Hicks, made the roll call of churches. At this time, the Executive Committee Report was made by the Clerk and minutes of the Spring Session were read.
6. New pastors were recognized by the Moderator and Floyd Willis of South Fork Association was welcomed as a visitor to the session.
7. Mrs. Virgil Buff made the Vacation Bible School Report and spoke briefly in the interest of Bible School work.
8. Charles Townsend was not present for the Sunday School Report and S. M. Stroupe presented his report for him. Ray Billings spoke to the report.
9. Ray Billings presented the Training Union Report in absence of Earl Church.
10. Associational Missions Report was made by the Associational Missionary, S. M. Stroupe and he spoke to the report.
11. State Board Representative, Tom Green, spoke on Minister's Retirement, Relief and Annuity and the Co-operative Program.
12. The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees with J. E. Hoffman as chairman, Edsel Mull and Harold Whitener serving with him.
13. Evangelism Report was presented by T. W. Van Horn and he spoke on the associational evangelistic crusade held in August.
14. Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, W.M.U. superintendent, announced the W.M.U. Leadership Conference to be held at Wilkie's Grove on October 27.
15. The congregation sang "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," led by Mrs. Boyd Wilson.
16. The Doctrinal Message was given by Harold Whitener of the Oak Ridge Church. His message was on "The Nature of God"—

a very deep and enriching affirmation of faith and belief in the gospel.

17. Edsel Mull adjourned the body for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon Session—Midway

18. Mrs. Boyd Wilson led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing."
19. The devotional was brought by A. M. Martin of the Zoar Church.
20. The Baptist Hospital Report was given by Julius Hildebran and spoken to by Dr. Albert Meiburg, chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.
21. Region 8 R.A. Camp Report was given by Edsel Mull in absence of Leroy Childers. Mr. Mull spoke on the fine work of this camp.
22. J. E. Hoffman, chairman of Committee on Committees, gave report. He also made the suggestion that this committee be elected at least two months before the annual session to be given more time for its work. Ray Billings moved that this committee be appointed at the last Executive Committee meeting before the annual session and this was seconded and passed.
23. Hansel Bryant gave the State Missions Report; Home Missions Report was given by Ray Billings and the Foreign Mission Report was made by Edsel Mull. All these reports were spoken to by Murray Jackson of the Caldwell Association who gave an interesting resume of his visit to the Baptist World Alliance and several Latin American countries.
24. Religious Literature Report was given by A. M. Martin and spoken to by Dr. Hands of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee for Advance of Colleges and also for the **Biblical Recorder.**
25. Committee on Revision of Constitution Report was given by Edsel Mull. Two amendments were proposed to be added to the Constitution and these were to be voted at the last day's session.
26. Grady McCurry adjourned the session for the first day.

Friday Morning Session—Zion Hill

1. The congregation sang, "All Hail the Power", led by Mrs. Boyd Wilson.
2. Call to order was made by Moderator Paul Crotts.
3. Devotional and welcome were given by host pastor, J. E. Hoffman.
4. Miscellaneous reports and business were taken care of at this time:
   (a) J. E. Hoffman stated that the Evangelism Committee for the Association is same as Missions Committee.
   (b) The body received Grace and Truth Church into watch care of the Association for one year, at the recommendation of the Executive Board.

5. Orphanage and Children's Homes Report was given by Miss Lucille Upton and spoken to by Clyde Morris of the Children's Homes.
6. Mack Hodge gave the Christian Education Report in absence of G. P. Sullivan. It was spoken to by M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College.
7. Mrs. Brintie Arrowood gave the Woman's Missionary Union Report and spoke on this work in the Association as well as on missions.
8. The G.A. Report was given by Mrs. Paul Crotts.
9. J. E. Hoffman presented the report of the American Bible Society.
10. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute was reported on by Ray Billings and spoken to by R. P. Hamby, instructor in the school.
11. G. T. Gillespie was recognized to speak briefly on Gardner-Webb College.
12. Homes for the Aging Report was given by Tommy Taylor in absence of Tommy Stephens. Mr. Burchette of the Homes spoke to this report.
13. Delbert Walker gave the Brotherhood Report and T. A. Lineberger, director of the R.A. Camp, spoke on the work there.
14. Leroy Childers spoke on the Royal Ambassadors work and gave his report on this organization.
15. The congregation was led in singing "Stand Up for Jesus", by Mrs. Boyd Wilson.
16. The Missionary Message was brought by Earsel Roberson of the Pisgah Church. He spoke from Acts 3:1-10 on The Need; and what you have to Offer." His message was soul stirring and heart warming.
17. J. E. Hoffman adjourned the morning session and invited all to lunch.

Friday Afternoon Session—Zion Hill

18. The session was called to order by J. E. Hoffman, acting as Moderator.
19. Mrs. Boyd Wilson led the congregation in singing "Let Others See Jesus in You."
20. The devotional was given by Tommy Taylor. Ernest Towery led in prayer.
21. Floyd Beaver gave the Temperance and Public Morals Report and spoke to his report.
22. Ray Billings spoke on the Jubilee goals for Association. As recommended by the Executive Committee, he moved that these goals be adopted. It was seconded and passed that they would be.
23. Edsel Mull moved that the amendments recommended by the Committee on Revision of Constitution, presented on Thursday's session, be approved by the body. This move was seconded and passed.
24. Advisory Committee asked for more time to consider the prob-

lem before them and gather more details on the matter. This request was granted and the Committee given one year for securing necessary information before presenting the facts to the body.

25. Delbert Walker gave the Time, Place and Preacher Report.
26. Resolutions Committee Report was given by Mrs. Harold Whitener.
27. Miss Doris Upton gave the Treasurer's Report.
28. The Clerk made announcement regarding attendance at the two day's session and expressed appreciation in co-operation of the church clerks.
29. Miscellaneous business attended at this time included:
    (a) Projector Committee asked for more time before presenting any information to the body. This was granted and move was made to give Executive Committee authorization to purchase this projector. This also was granted.
    (b) Delbert Walker suggested that all associational officers offer help to any church needing such help and that such offer to assist be printed in the minutes. This was passed and clerk was instructed to put in the minutes.
    (c) S. M. Stroupe spoke briefly on **Charity and Children.**
30. Nominating Committee Report was made by Darrell Pruett in absence of Harold Whitener. All officers were adopted as suggested by the Nominating Committee.
31. Paul Crotts, Moderator, asked for time in which he urged that all Executive Committee members make efforts to attend all Executive Committee meetings.
32. Obituary Report and memoriam was made by Ray Billings.
33. The congregation sang, "God Be With You", led by Mrs. Boyd Wilson.
34. S. M. Stroupe adjourned the session, bringing to a close the fiftieth session of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

REPORTS

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Bible Societies are organizations whose main work is assisting in the faithful translation of the Scriptures, publishing them in convenient forms and distributing them, without profit, to people who need them and might not otherwise get them, and in whatever language is required. The American Bible Society is the principal agency of the Churches of the United States in these aspects of their Missionary work.

The first of these world-wide Bible Societies was the British and Foreign Bible Society established in England in 1804. The American Bible Society was established in 1816. There are many national Bible Societies. Twenty-four of these Societies now work unitedly as the United Bible Societies. This organization was founded in June, 1946.

They sell the Scriptures at or below cost to those who can afford to buy them. They give them away to many who cannot afford even these low prices. Since its organization in 1816 up to the end of 1957 the American Bible Society had distributed over 500,000,000 volumes. Its average annual circulation for a recent ten-year period has been somewhat over 12,000,000 volumes. The Bible Society works in more than 40 countries. It annually distributes Scriptures in these countries in more than 200 different languages. Bibles from the Bible Society may be secured from denominational book stores, also Bibles with teaching helps. They have since 1835 been supplying Scriptures for the blind, these books are furnished at 25 cents a volume, although these embossed Scriptures cost many times that amount. Books of the Bible on talking Book Records. These, too, are furnished to the blind for 25 cents each. A Braille Bible requires 20 volumes.

The purpose of the American Bible Society is the encouragement of the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment and without purpose of profit, to every man on earth in whatever language he may require. It is a voluntary organization, supported by many individuals and denominations.

The Bible has been translated and published in 1,136 languages as of December 31, 1958. The entire Bible has been published in 215 languages; the complete New Testament in 273 additional languages; and at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published in 648 languages. New languages are added to the list at about 10 a year. It has been estimated that there is about a thousand languages and dialects in which some part of the scriptures should still be translated and published.

Anyone wishing to become a member of The American Bible Society may do so by making a gift of $5.00 or more—and more is needed to meet the need. For more information about the American Bible Society—send for a copy of the Bible Society Record, also send for catalog of Scriptures:

American Bible Society
450 Park Avenue,
New York 22, New York

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Missions in the District Association is proving to be of great importance in giving the Gospel to the nations of earth. The far reaching success of the Cooperative Program carried on by Southern Baptists comes through the faithful work of the Associations.

In working together we can carry out the Great Commission as Jesus commanded us to do.

The Association is the unit of denominational life closest to the churches. Since the churches have increased in number so rapidly, in the Southern Baptist Convention, it is reasonable to

conclude that Associations should greatly increase in number.

The Association has proved to be the most helpful agency in the development of our larger agencies, such as the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

We now have, a little to the rise, of 1,120 Associations in our Southern Baptist Convention. In 1845 there were 45 Associations, and at the end of the next hundred years, 1945, there were 923 Associations.

In the providence of our wise and wonderful Heavenly Father, the Associations have proved to be the most effective organizations that Baptists have to work cooperatively in a world-wide Programme.

In the past year we have witnessed in all our churches by preaching, teaching as opportunity came, and many other types of work such as getting out programs and attending conferences, planning for special occasions, such as Associational revival, Bible schools and prayer meetings.

The Association makes it possible for each church to participate in the whole mission program.

I wish to thank all the kind and gracious people of our South Mountain Baptist Association for sharing with me, time and opportunity in your churches, to present associational missions.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe, Missionary

BROTHERHOOD

The purpose of the Brotherhood is to discover men and their talents and to enlist them in every phase of the program sponsored by the church and denomination. The Brotherhood must strengthen the total program of the church. Evidence may be seen on every hand that the church must become stronger in its witness, by the laymen of the church.

Our churches will only be as strong as its membership of men. The only way this can be done is through training of the men of the church by enlisting them in the ministry through the program of teaching, training, stewardship, evangelism and missions.

The need for a Brotherhood organization is greater now than ever before. This is true because of the need of the church fellowship for the men teaching the total program of our churches, association, denomination and our Baptist program.

Last year we had eight Brotherhoods, last year Mt. Vernon and Drowning Creek organized a Brotherhood making a total of ten.

Let's all be in prayer that this coming year we will see more Brotherhoods organized.

Respectfully submitted,
Delbert Walker

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jesus, speaking to the unlearned and untrained fishermen, said, **"Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."** When God calls men and women into the ministry, He also calls them to prepare themselves for the work they are to do. Jesus spent several years in teaching and instructing the men whom he called to carry on His great work. Whether a person is to be a preacher, a missionary, a college professor, or one of hundreds of professions, he needs instructions and he needs to be guided by Christian principles.

I well remember the night that I accepted the call to preach the Gospel. The minister said to me, "Young man, the call to preach is the call to prepare." This made a great impression on my mind and heart. It has been a lasting impression. An impression that shall move me to continue to study, continue to seek the Master's leadership in all of life, to the end that I shall be a better qualified servant of God to serve where he places me.

I know of no better way to define Christian Education than to say that it is **"Christ-In-An Education."**

We know that there are many, many things being taught in our schools and institutions throughout the world today. Not only in the institutions, but on radio, and on television and through the media of newspapers, etc. We know that there are many ideologies in the world today. The Communists are propagating their beliefs and doctrines. Catholicism is reaching out with a sweeping, greedy hand seeking to deceive and engulf all who will lend an interesting ear. All of these things are in the field of education. There are many things which fall under the subject of education; but unless Christ, and something of His Spirit is woven into these teachings, they are not Christian teachings, they are not Christian Education. In order for Education to be Christian Education, Christ must be in it. The teachings, the philosophy, the spirit of Christ must be in education for it to be Christian Education. I am proud to say that Baptists in North Carolina have a great part in making this possible in our Church supported colleges and seminaries. Having attended two of our Baptist institutions, I can speak with personal experience, I know that our Baptist colleges are putting Christ in their teachings. They are putting Christ in Education.

We must be proud of our Baptist Schools and the men and women who minister to our students. We must support our Colleges and Seminaries through special offerings on Christian Education Day in our Churches, and by giving through the Cooperative Program of our Denomination.

We have seven Baptist Colleges and one seminary here in the state of North Carolina. There are thousands of boys, girls, men, and women attending these schools. These people are seeking to prepare themselves for the future. Many of them have heard the Call of the Master, and are preparing themselves for the ministry, for the mission field, or to serve in full time Christian service wherever the Lord may direct. We should be proud of

these students and we are. But there are many of these students in need of financial help if they are to stay in school, if they are to prepare themselves for the calling of God. If you and I fail, if our churches fail to support these schools with our money, the cause of Christ will be greatly hindered. Because if we neglect to support our Christian Schools, someone will not be able to attend, or someone may have to drop out of school just because no one cared enough to give to Christian Education.

I well remember when I was at Gardner-Webb College as a student. We had no money, had very little income. I had a wife and three children to support. The expenses had to be paid, rent had to be paid. And if it had not been for President Elliott and the loan fund that Baptists had set up for such emergencies, I would have had to drop out of school. But as it was, I was able to borrow enough money, through the school, to meet the obligations that were at hand.

I plead with you as Christians, as Baptist, to go back to your churches and see to it that in the coming year, you and your church plan to give more to the cause of Christian Education than you have ever done.

Yes, Christian Education costs a lot. But Ignorance costs a lot more.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwyn P. Sullivan

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee
S. M. Stroupe, Chairman
Rarsel Roberson
Charles Townsend
J. E. Hoffman
Paul Crotts

Missions Committee
T. W. VanHorn, Chairman
Guy Smith
Mrs. Frank Hicks
S. M. Stroupe
Julius Hildebran

Program Committee
Harold Whitener, Chairman
Ray Billings
Lucille Upton
Guinn Sullivan
Tommy Taylor

Resolutions Committee
Mrs. Harold Whitener, Chmn.
Mrs. Betty Sue Berry
Mrs. Paul Crotts
Mrs. Edsel Mull
Mrs. W. M. Hudson

Time, Place and Preacher
Delbert Walker, Chairman
Mrs. Brintie Arrowood
Grady McCurry
Mrs. Virgil Buff
Bill Blanton

Budget Committee
Doris Upton, Chairman
Eugene Sherrill
Tommy Stephens
Blair Wesson
Atley Rhoney

South Mountain Camp Committee
Lloyd Childer, Chairman
Lee Roy Childers
Delbert Walker

Fred Sain
Edsel Mull
Music Committee
Harold Whitener, Chairman
Mrs. Clyde McClurd
Mrs. Boyd Wilson
Miss Joyce Hildebran
Jane Harrington

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution recommends the following amendments to the Constitution:

1. That no one person be allowed to petition the body in session for more than one thing in the same session, unless given permission by the Moderator or two thirds vote of the messengers present.
2. That no department officer shall exercise authority over his department except it be in accord with the ruling of the Executive Committee or the Association in regular session.

Respectfully submitted,
Edsel Mull

EVANGELISM

There never was a time when the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not urgent, but many Christians have been slow to sense it. If circumstances can shock us out of complacency, then every Christian should be alerted today to the urgency of evangelism in this Atomic Age.

Southern Baptists have been blessed by God as few people have been blessed in all Christian history. However, along with these blessings there are inescapable responsibilities. We are Christians and we must share with those who are not Christians. We are the children of light and we must share with those who sit in darkness. In his message before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, Billy Graham said, "America is the world's greatest mission field." If this be true, and no doubt it is, and if Southern Baptists are the leading Evangelical denomination in America, we must match this hour with total dedication to evangelism.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we strive to reach the "Evangelism Standard of Excellence" for our association annually.
2. That our association have an evangelistic clinic - (two to six months before the Baptist Jubilee Revival).
3. That our association participate in the Baptist Jubilee Revival and that we set annual Baptist Jubilee Revival dates through 1964. (A map showing the dates for 1964 in North Carolina

has been mailed to all pastors).

4. That our association shall recognize the associational officers to serve as the Baptist Jubilee Revival Committee.
5. That every church utilize the church council in promoting a perennial program of evangelism within the local church.
6. That every church co-operate with the Baptist Jubilee Revival, and that consideration be given to having at least one other revival during 1961, with emphasis in both revivals being placed upon every member doing personal soul-winning.
7. That each church follow the **Revival Plan Book**, thus pray, plan and work to reach the maximum number of lost souls during the Baptist Jubilee Revival and to experience a new depth of spiritual life.
8. That every church co-operate fully with the Training Union in promoting the spiritual growth program, so as to help anchor and mature every member coming into the fellowship of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. VanHorn

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The meetings of the Executive Committee appear to have been successful and worthwhile with a good volume of business having been transacted. The following committees have been appointed and approved to take care of various matters confronting the Association.

1. Committee to write history of Association—S. M. Stroupe, J. E. Hoffman, Joe Richards.
2. Committee to study purchase of projector for Association —Charles Townsend, Lucile Upton and Mrs. Frank Hicks.
3. Committee to serve in advisory capacity regarding inactive church in the Association—S. M. Stroupe, Paul Robinson, Julius Hildebran, Ray Billings and E. O. Bustle.

Among matters of progress initiated during the year are those of sending the Associational Missionary and wife to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami and acceptance of Grace and Truth Church under watchcare for one year, the latter being recommended to the Association at this annual meeting for final approval.

Members of the Executive Committee are urged to attend all the meetings possible for this is the force that keeps the Associational work going between annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank Hicks, Clerk

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Unto uttermost parts of earth, with this purpose in mind the Foreign Mission Board has been sending out missionaries bearing

the gospel of redemption to all people. Their message must be communicated through preaching, teaching, healing, any ministry of love to bring people to saving knowledge of Christ as Savior.

In 1948 the Advance Program in foreign missions was launched, there were 625 missionaries under appointment for service in nineteen countries. The Foreign Mission Board now has 1,454 missionaries under appointment to 44 countries across the world. It is the objective of the Foreign Mission Board to have 2,000 missionaries under appointment by the close of 1964.

Young people are yielding their lives every day to serve God either at home or on the mission field. Its Personnel Department is being reinforced to correspond with each potential prospect.

To send more missionaries means an increase in operating expense. The budget for 1960 was increased $1,086,825.97 over 1959.

The Foreign Mission Board needs in excess of $20,000,000 in 1960. The money will come from the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas offering. If needs are met every christian is going to have to give more. Advance in foreign missions is dependent upon you, Cooperative Program, and Lottie Moon offering.

Our task is on world scale. Each church in our association has a world wide responsibility. How true the word of Jesus "Lift up your eyes and look on fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Money is important but so is prayer. May we be reminded of our responsibility to pray daily for those who have dedicated their lives to carry the message to every nation.

We cannot and must not fail — every Christian and every church must be mission minded if we are to carry out the command of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Edsel Mull

FRUITLAND BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Deep in the mountains of western North Carolina is one of our great Baptist institutions, the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute which is supported by our State Convention through our Co-operative Program.

The school opened its 14th year October 3 under the supervision of the Rev. Fritz Hemphill with an enrolment of 140. There have been three new faculty members added this year. Fruitland is making wonderful progress. There has been much improvement made in the dormitory class rooms and other buildings. A home has been built for the director costing around $18,000.

Some three hundred ministers have graduated from Fruitland who are serving in some responsible place in the Lord's work, not only in North Carolina but in many other states.

It is the purpose of this school and those that teach to help those who have not had the opportunity to go to college and seminary to get the training that they need so badly in the Lord's work.

This isn't something that just came into being. It was born of God in the heart of our beloved Dr. J. C. Canipe whom North Carolina Baptists will always be grateful for and indebted to for his leadership and untiring efforts and patience.

Fruitland has other services to offer to our Baptist people such as Bible School Clinics, R. A. and G. A. Camps, Training Union Clinics and Preachers' Week once a year.

We are grateful unto God for this wonderful institution. Let's pray for its leadership and for those who serve because of the leadership and training offered through this institution.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Billings

G. A. REPORT

We have sixteen G. A.'s in our Association which includes 12 churches. That leaves us with 17 that do not have a G. A. organization.

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nation"—as we pause to think on this great hymn, it makes us realize more each day that we as G.A.'s have a great story to tell to a lost and dying world. We hope that your church is able to say with ours we are going to help to tell this story through our G.A.'s. If you don't have the youth organization in your church, you are failing them so much as they do not have the opportunity to learn of missions through our great program for our youth. We learn through this we are to abide in him through prayer, advance in wisdom by Bible study, acknowledge our stewardship of time, money and personality to adorn ourselves with good work and to accept the challenge of the Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Paul Crotts

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board Make Advances In 1960

Missionaries working on Home Mission fields now 2,292, according to Home Mission Board Executive Secretary, Corts Redford. This figure includes missionaries employed jointly by the Board and State Conventions and shows an increase of 192 during the last 6 months.

The Home Mission Board and State Baptist Conventions are working very closely together these days to advance the cause of Christ in our world.

The Home Mission Board is reaching many areas of our North-

ern and Western states and establishing new missions and churches. They are promoting simultaneous revivals in Alaska. There are 36 pastors and 10 musicians from Southern Baptist Churches in 13 states now participating in evangelistic crusades.

In 1961 the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions will be used to buy church sites for new churches.

Baptismal goals totaling more than 2 million in the next 4 years were recommended by C. E. Autry, director of Evangelism Division. The new goals were formed through meetings of the State Secretaries of Evangelism.

"We are very much pleased with the progress of our thirty thousand movement in our Southern Baptist Convention," says Corts Redford, general secretary of the Home Mission Board.

We believe there are great days just ahead for our work with the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Billings

HOMES FOR THE AGING

God's gift to the Homes for the Aging during the past nine years has been James M. Hayes, Sr. No man could have worked harder or accomplished more than this dedicated man of God. On July 1, he relinquished the heavy and challenging responsibilities of the office of general superintendent to his successor, William A. Poole. The new superintendent is diligently at work and is finding a solid foundation on which to build and expand our ministry to the aging in our midst.

Great blessings are in store for us in this tenth year of our Homes for the Aging. The new infirmary annex, constructed at a cost of $193,000 and with 28 new rooms, was to be in use by the past September 1. It is hoped that the construction of the proposed new Hamilton Home can be started by late summer with facilities for around 30 additional residents. Our hats are off to all who have given so liberally and worked so tirelessly in bringing this fourth Home to fulfilment!

At the last count, there were sixty applicants on the waiting list and new inquiries and applications pouring in daily. We now have a total of 106 residents in our three Homes—Resthaven 20; Albermarle, 34; and Headquarters, 52. Even with our new facilities, it is not unrealistic to say that we could fill rooms up to 500 in the next two years. We must attempt great things **for** God and expect great things **from** God as we plan for the future in our ministering to the ever-growing number of the aging who need the loving care of North Carolina Baptists.

Our Homes are increasingly dependent upon the prayers and the financial support of the churches. During the fiscal year, Oct. 1, 1959 to August 1, 1960, our Homes had received $82,521.20 from the churches. Of this amount, $76,352.70 was contributed through the Special Day Offering in February. This amount was $123,000

short of our goal and shows us that we need to increase our gifts considerably in the coming year.

Still, we are profoundly grateful to God and to everyone who had a part this past year in contributing to the worthy cause which our Homes represent.

The Bible says, "Honor thy father and thy mother." May we honor many fathers and mothers through our gifts this year. Let it be known throughout the bounds of our Association and our fair state that there is nothing to hinder any needy aging person in our midst from coming to the North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging except lack of space. Furthermore, let us dedicate ourselves to the end of making more space available at the earliest moment.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Stephens

HOSPITAL REPORT

The Ministry of our Baptist Hospital touches every area of our state. Last year it served more than 17,000 bed patients, with 150,000 visits being made to the clinics and offices. They came for examinations, medical treatment, skilled surgery, and spiritual guidance. Many of our homes, most of our churches, and almost all of our communities have been served by this ministry of healing. It touches the family life of about a quarter of a million of our people each year.

Sickness is no respector of persons or pocket books. It strikes the rich and poor alike—the widow, the orphan, the aged. There are times when they need such specialized care as that available at our Baptist Hospital. The Mother's Day Fund provides money with which our Hospital gives assistance to those who cannot pay the full cost of their care. Our Hospital almost doubles our gifts with matching funds from welfare agencies and other gifts. In addition to this, the medical staff gives its services without charge to all service patients, except for available insurance payments.

Probably we should ask ourselves if we as Christians should provide such a ministry for our needy, sick neighbors. Jesus and the New Testament writers give us the answer. But do we really want such a minstry? It cannot be provided except at great cost. Our Hospital receives about 3¾% of our Co-operative Program funds for payments on the buildings, purchase of expensive equipment, such as heart-lung machines, and for the Department of Pastoral Care. Our Mother's Day Fund provides the money to help pay the hospital bills of needy, sick persons. The amount of this fund determines for the most part the amount of help our Hospital can give.

If we are serious about this ministry which was so close to the heart of our Lord, and want our Hospital to give help when our people need it, we are going to have to become serious about our giving to the Mother's Day Fund. Our Hospital is facing a grave

financial problem, and if it is to give free service we are going to have to contribute the money to finance the program.

The only way we can support this work is to plan for it, to make somebody in each church responsible for it, to let our people know about the need, and to challenge them to give of their means. Some of our churches over the state have been doing this, and our people have demonstrated that when this is done they will provide the necessary support. We come to ask you to do it in your church —not for the hospital, but for sick people who are in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Julius Hildebran

JUBILEE ADVANCE PROGRAM REPORT

We are in the midst of the Southern Baptist Jubilee Advance Program and in order to accomplish the work proposed, it is necessary to have definite goals. The emphasis for 1961 is Stewardship and Enlistment. In order to meet these goals, we will need the help of the pastors and all of the associational workers. For each church in the 1961 emphases a goal should meet three requirements: be measureable, specific and obtainable.

The following goals are proposed to the South Mountain Association with the recommendation from the Executive Committee to the Association for the adoption of these goals.

Goal	I. Transferring of membership:	300
	By baptism	250
Goal	II. Churches Adopting Budgets	5
Goal	III. Churches Voting to Increase Gifts to Co-operative Program by 2% of Budget	2
Goal.	IV. Increase in Number of Churches Giving Through Cooperative Program	3
Goal	V. Awards in Stewardship Books and Study Courses	300
Goal	VI. Number of New Tithers	500

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Billings

ORPHANAGE REPORT

If I should stand here and call you a gambler you wouldn't like it one bit. You might even go so far as to call me a liar. But wait. To gamble means to take a chance or run a risk. If you are a property owner or hold stocks or bonds you are taking a chance. There is always the chance that the company may go broke, that your money may not bring you dividends, that your farm may not produce, that your home may be destroyed by fire or storm. You even risk your life to get into a car and ride on our highways. I have not come today to talk about stocks and bonds, but about the soundest investment in the world, an investment of part of our

tithes and offerings in the kingdom work of God. The returns on our investment may not be in the form of a dividend check but rather in pleasure, satisfaction, and the assurance that we have risked our gifts in the hands of a wonderful investor. There are many phases of work included in God's kingdom but the particular part I wish to talk about with you is the Children's Homes or Child Care Program in North Carolina.

In addition to the property you possess you are part owner in the institution of Baptist Children's Homes. This property is operated by the Baptist State Convention and is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of 18 members elected by the State Convention. This institution consists of three parts: Mills Home in Thomasville, Kennedy Home in Kinston, and Odum Home in Pembroke. It renders service to the dependent and neglected white children of the state in three types of child care; namely, Institutional Care, Aid in the Home, and Foster Home Care. The multiple service agency provides Christian love and nurture for more than 800 deserving boys and girls each year. North Carolina Baptists, recognizing the dignity and worth of these children have given to our Children's Homes the responsibility for helping them have opportunities which they would not otherwise have. These opportunities include homelike atmosphere, schools, work, recreation, and health. Most important of all is the spiritual life contributed to by Christian staff members who make positive contributions to the lives of all children, along with daily devotional periods. Two of the Homes, Mills Home and Kennedy Home, have church buildings located right on the campus.

The Baptist Child Care Program is supported through the Cooperative Program 31.5%, Thanksgiving Offerings 31.1%, once-a-month offerings 21.9%, Special Gifts and Endowment 15.5%. Income for the past three years, even though there has been an increase in Thanksgiving offerings, has not been sufficient to meet minimum needs. Many children have been denied a Christian home whom we should have served. An increased Thanksgiving offering is imperative this year.

We get enthused and yet have feelings of sympathy when we hear the work of our Children's Home presented at our associational meetings. But is our interest in a vital problem facing every Baptist of North Carolina of such quality as the interest demonstrated by the priest and Levite who passed by on the other side. Or is it sufficient to cause us, like the good Samaritan to do something about it. The Bible says in Isaiah 11:6 "a little child shall lead them." I hope our thoughts about a little child in our orphanages will lead us to pray sincerely, work diligently, and give generously, that no services needed will be denied any child.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Upton

Representative Children's Homes

REGION 8 CAMP

Most of us by now know about Region 8 and the great work carried out by Rev. T. A. Lineberger. Each year many boys and girls come from all over Region 8 for a week of Christian education and recreation. We are grateful for the efforts of Rev. Lineberger and each R. A. and G. A. counsellor who have made it possible for the boys and girls of our association to have this week together. We are pleased with the part South Mountain Association has been taking toward the development of this worthy camp. Our hope is that in the coming year our Association will take part in another project. With men and women praying together and working together, some time soon we can have a Ridgecrest or Glorieta in our own beautiful South Mountains.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Childers

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Our first concern in promoting the use of Christian Literature is to see to it that the Bible is the textbook of our homes and Sunday School. That is the basis if we are to make an impact on our generation. Recognizing that the Bible is the basis for all our living, we do not advocate less study and reading of the Bible, but more. "Back to the Bible" is our motto.

Christian products do not come by placing one thing upon another to build those products that you wish but the Christian products come by the tried and true methods of a new birth and growth in the Christian way of life. Hence we get a Christian literature only as a product of Christian journalism, Christian publishing and Christian editors. We have so many of the so-called magazine counters that we are unable to find the magazines of better nature. Let us cry out against the use of paper to print these unwholesome spreads which discriminate against the good, and train and educate our children to enjoy the best literature.

We have our denominational publications — **The Biblical Recorder,** our state Baptist publication; **The Commission**—journal of foreign missions; the Home Mission Magazine, **Royal Service; Charity and Children.** These are meeting the growing need of our denominational life. In addition to all these publications, the Sunday School Board publishes more than a billion printed pages of the best literature each year. Quarterlies, promotional magazines, story magazines, tracts and many books come from our presses each year. All these help in the proper training of our people, but they are not so widely read as they should be. In this report, I would call us back to the Bible as the foundation of all literature, and then to build on that foundation and branch out to include all our Christian literature and all other worthy literature to the end

that our lives might be full and sweet and meaningful from childhood through adulthood.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. Martin

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Resolutions Committee, have the opportunity of expressing for ourselves and for each of you our gratitude to God for affording us another opportunity for assembling together in love and Christian fellowship in our Association. We are grateful to Him for leadership in helping us plan activities, set goals, and attain progress during this year. Despite any success we may have had, may we feel the necessity of depending more fully upon God and accepting anew the challenge which lies ahead for us.

We express our sincere appreciation to officers, pastors and leaders who have worked unceasingly and afforded us guidance in accomplishing the tasks that were required to advance the Kingdom work.

May we express gratitude to our new officers who have accepted the responsibilities of carrying forward work of God here in the South Mountain Association. With this gratitude, may we pledge our cooperation in every possible way to make their tasks easier and their success a greater possibility.

Be it resolved that we the officers, delegates and visitors express to the pastors and members of Midway and Zion Hill churches our sincere appreciation for their gracious hospitality and all courtesies extended to us throughout this 50th session. The bountiful meals and friendliness have made this an enjoyable occasion. In this the beginning of a new year may we not be satisfied with what has been done, but accept and share responsibilities and opportunities for greater service. May we not pray alone for changed circumstances but to be changed individuals so that God's will may be accomplished through us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Harold Whitener

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

The folowing facts are to be noted regarding R. A. work in the South Mountain Association:

1. 85 enrolled at beginning of the year.
2. 125 enrolled at the present time.
3. Ten churches provide Royal Ambassadors organization.
4. There are 11 chapters, 10 Junior and one Intermediate.
5. There were two associational R. A. meetings last year. One at Region 8 on May 14. Six churches were represented, 59 boys and 16 men attended. The other was at George Hilde-

bran school grounds with 44 boys and 17 men present.

We feel there is an interest in the work throughout most of the Association. We know there is the need and a challenge. Three needs must be met before the work can be successful: an interested pastor, interested boys and an interested leader.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Roy Childers

STATE MISSION REPORT

There are 3,329 Baptist Churches in North Carolina with a membership of more than 900,000 members. Surveys indicate a need for at least 600 new churches in our state now. So we are confronted with a great challenge as North Carolina Baptists .

We have a great program of State Mission work in North Carolina, consisting of twenty-four ministries which are divided into four categories:

(1) Teaching the Word and Reaching the lost:
- (a) Sunday School
- (b) Vacation Bible School
- (c) Evangelism
- (d) Brotherhood

(2) Training the church membership for Christian Living, Giving, Serving:
- (a) Training Union
- (b) Baptist Student Union
- (c) Department of Music
- (d) Assemblies
- (e) Royal Ambassadors
- (f) Rural Church Work

(3) Assistance and Service to Pastors and Churches:
- (a) Pastoral Support
- (b) Lots for New Churches
- (c) Preachers School
- (d) Church Planning
- (e) Fruitland Bible Institute

(4) Care, Concern, and Conservation:
- (a) Sanatorium Ministry
- (b) Silent People
- (c) Other Races
- (d) Allied Church League
- (e) Church State Separation

There are 4,500,000 people in the state of North Carolina, 60 per cent of which are lost, which means that our state is not half

Christian. State Missions provide a department of evangelism, seeking to promote, inspire, and unite evangelistic efforts on a state and associational wide scale.

Now if State Missions are to continue to function effectively and fruitfully in all these marvelous ministries in the year 1961, a total State Mission Budget of $4,100,000 must be realized.

Therefore in keeping and obedience to at least the first part of the great commission, and that the rich ministries might be continued and even expanded, let every Baptist pastor in North Carolina pray, preach, practice, plead, and promote the Kingdom work of God according to his Divine will.

Respectfully submitted,
Hansel G. Bryant

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have just completed another effective year of Sunday School work in the South Mountain Association. We feel that all churches have been very successful in the year 1959-1960 using the theme, "Teaching Them All Things." Teaching is the business of the Sunday School.

Many of our Sunday Schools have not reported any training through the new training system, called the "Church Study Course for Teaching and Training." This system began October 1, 1959. Sunday School workers are especially interested in category 17 which deals with principals and methods of the Sunday School.

Many of the churches are finding that the Sunday School can be used in evangelism, teacing not only the saved already in their church, but where a Christ-like compassion exists among the teachers and officers, they win the lost and show more baptisms each year.

I therefore suggest to all the churches to study the new book, "Outreach for the Unreached" and see what your Sunday School can do toward winning the vast number of lost boys and girls and men and women in your church community. I also suggest: (1) That we adopt the theme, "The Outreach for the Unreached," for the 1960-61 year. (2) Set a goal to increase our enrolment at least 15 per cent. (3) Seek to increase our average attendance 10 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Townsend

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

The following figures were given by Mr. Hoover of the F. B. I. and Mr. Morris, temperance preacher:

1. Each year in the United States more than 17 gallons of strong drink per person is drunk.

2. More than two billion dollars are spent for alcoholic beverages per year.
3. There are more girls working in bars, taverns and saloons than we have in our colleges.
4. In the past year, over 125,000 murders and rape cases were committed by young people between the ages of 12 and 17, all under the influence of strong drink.
5. More than 25 per cent of the traffic accidents on the highways are caused by drivers under influence of strong drink.
6. On the average one-third of divorce cases are caused by beer, wine and whiskey.

We, as Christians, have a duty to warn people of the evils of alcohol.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Beaver

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 12 and 13, 1961.

Place—First Day ..... Mt. Vernon
Second Day ..... Shoup's Grove

Preacher—Doctrinal Message ..... G. W. Sullivan
Alternate ..... Paul Robinson
Missionary Message ..... Tommy Stephens
Alternate ..... Ray Blackwelder

Respectfully submitted,

Delbert Walker

TRAINING UNION

As we look over our work in the association, we are grateful for those who have been so faithful to your own church and to the association. However, our Training Union has received very little help from your associational workers.

Many of our goals have not been reached and many of our people have not been enlisted. Much of this is due to my poor leadership.

May we ask help from our association in enlisting workers, a task which so often is left for the Director and Assistant Director.

It takes cooperation to build a Training Union program in any association. Let's reach out this coming year and plan to reach and train workers for the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 14, 1960

Balance On Hand October 15, 1959		$1,021.33
Outstanding 1958-1959 Expenses:		
Clerk's Compensation	$125.00	
Treasurer's Compensation	100.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	1.34	
TOTAL		226.34
Balance Less 1958-1959 Outstanding Expense		794.99
Received During 1959-1960		2,450.99
TOTAL BALANCE AND RECEIPTS		$3,245.98
Expenses:		
Associational Missionary	$900.00	
Missionary Expenses	320.89	
Clerk	125.00	
Treasurer	100.00	
Minutes	361.00	
Training Union	20.00	
Vacation Bible School	50.03	
W. M. U.	44.70	
Brotherhood and R. A.	52.55	
Evangelistic Crusade	226.47	
Region 8	123.50	
Miscellaneous Expense	69.94	
TOTAL EXPENSES		2,394.08
BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 12, 1960		$ 851.90

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Upton

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we come to make this annual report to the association. We express our deepest appreciation to the Zion Hill Church for her kindness as host to our Clinic this year. To the Associational workers that went to Fruitland and later taught in the Clinic, we owe the success of this year's Vacation Bible School Work.

Our goal for this year was a school in each of our 29 churches. Twenty-eight of our churches we are glad to report did have a school. One church postponed their school until later in the summer only to find out no literature was available and failed to have a school.

Let us take a look and see what we have accomplished. Re-

ports from 27 of our churches show a total enrolment this year of 2,257. There were 79 professions and 111 dedications. Churches reporting Standard schools were: Beulah, Mt. Vernon, Oak Ridge, Wilkie's Grove, and Berea. Mt. Harmon almost reached the Standard, falling short 40 points on faculty training. An offering of $286.58 was given through our schools to the Co-operative Program and mission stations.

There is evidence of strength and maturity in the churches through Bible Schools. Only one church to our knowledge ask for assistance in conducting their school. So in conclusion this year's work presents a challenge to every pastor and every church in this association. May the Lord bless us as we go forward for His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buff

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

And Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thrist." John 6:35.

When we think of the spiritually hungry peoples of the world we are reminded that we, who are Christians, have the solution to all of earth's problems and ills. But to have the light of the Lord Jesus Christ in our own lives is not enough. Day by day as the world becomes smaller, due to modern inventions, and the population increases, our obligations double and the challenge becomes greater.

The population increases 47,000,00 each year. Two-thirds of the people of the world go to bed hungry each night. While this is true, statistics show that in the United States each year there is spent: 10 billion dollars on automobiles, 15 billion dollars on T.V.s, five billion dollars on tobacco, one-half billion dollars on candy, one billion dollars on toilet articles, and five billion dollars on dogs. Add to this the vast sum we spend for armaments and compare with the pitiable amount, which we give to missions.

Dr. Cauthen wrote, "We thought we would ask for 150 new missionaries this year, but I don't know."

We have less than 2,000 Foreign Missionaries for all these people. There must be volunteers before they can be sent. There must be money with which to pay their expenses. Russia is sending out more missionaries for Communism than we are sending.

In our association there is a marked increase in special offerings and in many phases of the work. But this is not eonugh. Our hope is to see W. M. U. in all the churches of our association. We want at least a 13 per cent increase in our Lottie Moon Christmas offering as well as Home and State mission offerings.

We want to lift the level of missionary vision and concern through the training of our youth, the study and reading of mission books, more women and girls tithing and especially a greater

number observing the weeks of prayer.

We are so very grateful to pastors, who pray for, encourage, uphold and help sustain the work of woman's missionary union in our churches.

We implore the great host of women, who are within the membership of the churches of our association to join us in the greatest task ever intrusted to mankind—that of making Christ known to the hungry hearted millions, who grope in darkness and know not the Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Brintie Arrowood

SPRING SESSION

May 8

St. Paul Church

1. Call to order—Moderator Crotts.
2. Hymn—"To the Work"—Led by S. M. Stroupe.
3. Devotional—Ersel Robinson, pastor Pisgah Church.
4. Roll call of churches—clerk.
5. W.M.U. Report—Mrs. Brintie Arrowood.
6. G.A. Report—Mrs. Paul Crotts.
7. Business:
   Report on committees read by clerk.
   Committee to study constitution—Joe Richards, chairman, S. M. Stroupe, Edsel Mull, Leroy Childers, Delbert Walker.
   Joe Richards proposed Association buy grass seed for banks of pond at Region 8 R.A. Camp. Voted on and passed at night session.
8. Hymn—"Are You Washed in the Blood?", led by S. M. Stroupe.
9. Brotherhood Report—Delbert Walker.
10. R.A. Report—Leroy Childers
11. Region 8 Camp—Edsel Mull.
12. Adjourned by Edsel Mull for supper.
13. Evening session opened with song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", led by S. M. Stroupe.
14. Prayer—Leroy Childers.
15. Business:
    Region 8 committee to see about sowing grass at Camp.
16. Message—"Christian Steadfastness and Progression in Christ," by Paul Crotts.
17. Filmstrip on Baptist Hospital by Julius Hildebran.
18. Hymn—"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed", led by S. M. Stroupe.
19. Adjourned by Joe Richards.

Proposed Budget

Missionary's Salary for a year	$1,200.00
Missionary's Expenses for a year	480.00
Clerk's Compensation for a year	125.00

Treasurer's Compensation for a year	100.00

Promotion of Associational Organizations

For the Promotion of Sunday Schools	50.00
For Training Union Promotion	50.00
Woman's Missionary Union Promotion	100.00
Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors	50.00
Vacation Bible School Promotion Fund	75.00
Pastors' and Deacons' Conference	25.00
Printing of Associational Minutes	400.00
Evangelistic Crusade for the Association	300.00
Miscellaneous Items such as repair for Typewriter, Duplicator, Envelopes, Paper, Ink, Postage and other small items	500.00
Total	$3,455.00

SPECIAL NOTES BY CLERK

1. There were no missions started or operated by our Association, in Sunday School, Training Union, Vacation Bible School, or in any organization.
2. There are no projectors or filmstrips owned by any church in this Association.
3. There are no church secretaries, educational directors, visual educational directors, recreation directors or chairman of recreation committee, or assistant pastors employed by any church of this Association.
4. There were no kindergartens sponsored in this Association.
5. There were no church librarians serving in this Association.
6. No church of this Association observed Church Music Month in September and only 1 church (Shoup's Grove) has a graded choir. Three churches (Mt. Calvary, Oak Ridge, and Zoar) ordered copies of the **Church Musician.**
7. Only two churches provide Protection Plan for pastor—Berea and Mt. Hebron.
8. There are no Baptist colleges, hospitals, orphanages or Baptist owned enterprises in this Association. The Region 8 R.A. Camp is, however, located in our own South Mountain Association.
9. The Calendar of Activities is not ready at the present time.

Ministers Ordained This Year

James M. Powell, Icard.

Ordained Ministers not Pastors

Ralph Abee, R-1, Connelly Springs
Levi Fredell, R-1, Connelly Springs
Woodrow Minton, Granite Falls
D. E. Newton, Ellenboro
Chissie Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs
Johnnie Spake, R-1, Casar
Sanford Stamey (no address given)

Ernest Towery (no address given)
A. C. Wilson, R-3, Vale

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

Darrell Pruitt, R-3, Vale	Beulah
R. J. Whisant, R-3, Vale	Beulah
Lero Hudson, R-1, Casar	Corinth
Clyde Riggins, 1251 Main Ave., Hickory	Grace and Truth
Hansel Towery, Casar	Hildebran View
Woodrow Minton, Granite Falls	Hildebran View
Dean Cook, R-1, Valdese	Smart's Grove

MUSICAL DIRECTORS

Ronda Crawford, R-1, Valdese	Abee's Chapel
Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	Berea
L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs	Beulah
Paul Carswell, R-6, Morganton	Carswell Memorial
Joe White, R-1, Casar	Corinth
O. L. Tolbert, Box 136, R-5, Hickory	Drowning Creek
Carolyn VanHorn, R-4, Hickory	Grace and Truth
Betty Walker, Icard	Hildebran View
C. P. Sain, 1026-41st St., Hickory	Midway
Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory	Mt. Calvary
Edna Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	Mt. Gilead
Jane Harrington, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory	Mt. Hebron
Omar Hoyle, R-2, Vale	Mt. Vernon
Glen Parker, Casar	Mt. Zion
Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Box 255, Valdese	Mull's Chapel
Larry Abernathy, R-4, Hickory	Oak Ridge
Junior Crotts, R-1, Casar	Olive Grove
Mrs. Margie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs	Philadelphia
Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	Pisgah
Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton	Pleasant Grove
Jinks Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs	St. John's
C. W. Cooke, R-1, Casar	St. Paul
Reba Cook, Valdese	Smart's Grove
Thelma Hildebran, R-4, Hickory	South Fork
Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs	Walker's Chapel
Barbara Young, R-4, Hickory	Wilkie's Grove
Fred Sain, R-3, Vale	Zion Hill
Conley Lail, R-3, Lawndale	Zoar

PIANISTS OR ORGANISTS

Miss Gail Lowman, Box 27, Valdese	Abee's Chapel
Mrs. Virgil Buff, Hildebran	Berea
Mrs. Georgia Bustle, Jonas Ridge	Beulah
Mrs. Paul Carswell, R-6, Morganton	Carswell Memorial
Mrs. Boyd Short, R-1, Casar	Corinth
Mrs. Hattie Kirby, Box 220, R-5, Hickory	Drowning Creek
Mrs. Roy Craig, 310-12th St., Hickory	Grace and Truth

Mrs. Nancy Mayes, Hildebran	Henry River
Mrs. Abby Hoyle (no address given)	Hildebran View
Mrs. Clay Dowell, Hildebran	Midway
Joyce Hildebran, R-3, Hickory	Mt. Calvary
Mrs. Mary McNeilly, R-4, Morganton	Mt. Gilead
Alice Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs	Mt. Hebron
Joyce Crotts, R-3, Vale	Mt. Vernon
Jackie Short, R-1, Casar	Mt. Zion
Mrs. Earl Johnson, R-3, Vale	Mull's Chapel
Mrs. Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	Oak Ridge
Aileen Spurling, Shelby	Olive Grove
Miss Marilyn Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs	Philadelphia
Mrs. Minnie Mace, Casar	Pisgah
Mrs. Eva Williams, 3980 Main Ave., Hickory	Pleasant Grove
Danny Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs	St. John's
Miss Benth Cooke, R-1, Casar	St. Paul
Mrs. Elsie Childres, R-2, Connelly Springs	Shoup's Grove
Miss Alberta Lail, Connelly Springs	Smart's Grove
Mrs. Rosalee Greenhill, Hildebran	South Fork
Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton	Walker's Chapel
Miss Margaret Wright, R-4, Hickory	Wilkie's Grove
Miss Juanita Ramsey, R-1, Connelly Springs	Zion Hill
Mrs. Everett Costner, Box 17, Casar	Zoar

OUR BELOVED DEAD

ABEE'S CHAPEL — Mrs. Etta Stamey
BEREA — Miss Patricia Berry
BEULAH — Mrs. Annie Craig
DROWNING CREEK — Mrs. Ada Chapman, A. D. Campbell
MT. GILEAD — Susson Canipe, J. P. Chapman
MT. HEBRON — Mrs. Alice McGunnis
OAK RIDGE — Roy Teague, Paul Cooke
OLIVE GROVE — Ambrose Cook, Mrs. Lillie Canipe
PISGAH — L. A. Canipe, Mrs. Octavia Buff, Mrs. Dovie Hoyle
PLEASANT GROVE — Mrs. Lillie Canipe
ST. PAUL — Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Katie Brackett, R. C. White (deacon), Oliver Glover (deacon), John McNeely, William White, Winslo Cook
SHOUP'S GROVE — Mrs. Elvia Taylor
SMART'S GROVE — Mrs. Belle Fredell
WALKER'S CHAPEL — Milas Huffman (deacon), Sam Brittain
WILKIE'S GROVE — Grover Wilkie
ZION HILL — Mrs. Emma Taylor, Mrs. Annie Tallent, Lee Buff, Carlee Pruett, Luther Wilson

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Clerk: Mrs. Frank Hicks, R-3, Lawndale
Moderator: Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale

Churches	Location Rural-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper?	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor for full year or not)
Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	3	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	27	5	3	----	----	222	2	49	Yes	No	No	2,600
Berea	Rural	1947	4	Ray Billings, R-2, Connelly Springs	20	20	7	172	68	240	1	45	Yes	No	No	3,900
Beulah	Rural	1905	4	E. O. Bustle, Jonas Ridge	13	3	10	81	66	147	2	18	Yes		No	1,940
Carswell Memorial	Rural	1938	4		2	1	1	71	6	77	1	6	Yes		No	1,035
Corinth	Rural	1884	2	Charles McDaniel, R-2, Bostic	9	----	2	126	55	181	1	19	Yes	No	No	1,145
Drowning Creek	Rural	1952	4	T. W. VanHorn, 3010 8th Ave., Hickory	3	22	9	54	2	56	1	9	No	No	No	1,200
Grace & Truth	Rural	1955	4	Roy Craig 310 12th St., Hickory	2	6	----	17	6	23	1	4	No	Yes	No	--------
Henry River	V	1940	4	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran	6	----	7	81	----	81	1	----	No	No	No	3,900
Hildebran View	Rural	1947	4	Otis Cook, R-1, Casar	10	19	1	----	----	72	2	----	No	No	No	1,040
Midway	Rural	1956	4	Grady McCurry, 1039 41st St., Hickory	11	22	2	132	2	134	1	----	No	No	No	3,270
Mt. Calvary	Rural	1952	4	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory	4	7	----	52	3	55	2	7	No	No	No	600
Mt. Gilead	Rural	1840	2	C. C. Reece, Box B-792, China Grove	4	3	5	50	20	70	1	----	No	No	No	--------
Mt. Hebron	Rural	1900	4	Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs	7	8	4	198	28	226	1	56	Yes	No	No	3,900
Mt. Vernon	Rural	1840	4	Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	22	2	6	225	85	310	1	21	No	No	No	3,900
Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	2	W. E. Hill, Box 96, Caroleen	----	----	7	173	40	213	2	10	No	No	No	1,200
Mull's Chapel	Rural	1871	4	Paul Robinson, R-1, Box 10-B, Connelly Springs	3	----	8	93	16	109	1	9	No	No	No	1,000
Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	4	Harold Whitener, Box 815, Connelly Springs	4	4	11	208	24	232	2	65	Yes	No	Yes	4,190
Olive Grove	Rural	1884	4	L. B. Harris, R-1, Mooresboro	19	3	3	177	73	250	2	3	No	No	No	1,200
Philadelphia	Rural	1952			----	----	----	43	4	47	1	----	No		No	--------
Pisgah	Rural	1840	4	Earsel Robinson, R-1, Casar	11	2	15	149	45	194	2	18	Yes		No	3,380
Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2	John H. Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs	----	----	1	92	21	113	2	9	No	No	No	585
St. John's	Rural	1842	2	Bill Blanton, R-1, Casar	13	6	8	114	13	127	2	15	No	No	No	1,770
St. Paul	Rural	1840	2	Tommy Taylor, R-3, Lawndale	17	2	12	----	----	483	2	22	No	No	No	2,080
Shoup's Grove	Rural	1892	4	G. P. Sullivan, Icard	5	8	9	169	52	221	2	32	Yes	No	No	3,120
Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	2	Floyd Beaver, Lincolnton	10	18	10	82	33	115	2	13	No	No	No	1,920
South Fork	Rural	1937	4	Hansel Bryant, R-4, Hickory	6	10	3	60	39	99	2	22	Yes	No	No	2,600
Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	4	Ray Blackwelder, 408 Tallyrand, Monroe	3	----	10	135	----	135	2	12	No	No	No	2,400
Wilkie's Grove	Rural	1894	4	C. T. Stephens, R-4, Box 312, Hickory	5	----	3	154	33	187	2	32	Yes	No	No	2,682
Zion Hill	Rural	1859	4	J. E. Hoffman, R-3, Vale	14	2	6	199	54	253	2	17	Yes	No	No	2,874

Table B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Associational Superintendent: Charles Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs

Churches	Sunday School Superintendents	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Young People, Away	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Grand Total S.S. Enrolment	Average Attendance	Church V.B.S. Enrolment	Total V.B.S. Enrolment	Jan. Bible Study?	Preparation Week?
Abee's Chapel	Denver Buchanan, R-1, Valdese		17	24	29	32	25		20		30	66		2	245	187	82	82	Yes	Yes
Berea	Chas. Townsend, R-1, Connelly Springs	10	44	19	33	41	37	26	38	4	24	49	9	5	339	174	171	171	Yes	Yes
Beulah	Howard Mull, R-3, Vale			12	14	13	16	21			31				107	75	116	116	Yes	No
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsey, R-4, Morganton			6	8	8	8	5	6	3	4	32			80	63	40	40	No	No
Corinth	Dewitt Hoyle, Box 35, Casar		9	16	15	15	24	15	16			30			140		83	83	No	Yes
Drowning Creek	Bobby Keever, R-3, Box 126, Hickory		8		6	11	5		18			12		25	85	45	41	41	No	No
Grace & Truth	Clyde Riggins, 1251 Main, Hickory			6	4	3	3				8	10		6	40	25			No	No
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory		13	7	15	4	26	9	53			26			153	97			No	No
Hildebran View	Walter Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs			12		15	15			15		20			77	61	47	47	No	No
Midway	Ben Raby, Hildebran		10	22	19	23	20		34			61		2	191	96	187	127	No	No
Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	8	8	8	12	6	6	4	4		9	25	5	8	90	65	36	36	No	No
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Roney Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs		6	12		12		10	5			20			65	50	55	55	No	No
Mt. Hebron	Edison Franklin, R-1, Connelly Springs		12	13	19	30	26	19			30	56		3	208	143	116	116	Yes	No
Mt. Vernon	Blair Wesson, R-2, Vale		30	19	31	44	36		60			76		4	300	165	123	123	Yes	Yes
Mt. Zion	Joe Smith, R-1, Casar			11	9	12	7	9		3		33		8	93	78			No	No
Mull's Chapel	Earl Johnson, R-3, Vale		7	6	7	11	7	8			24	15		3	88	62	51	51	No	No
Oak Ridge	Billie Evans, Connelly Springs		12	24	23	30	27	15	37	1	43	45	8	12	277	145	146	146	Yes	No
Olive Grove	Ralph Parker, R-1, Casar			10	12	17	22	10	9			20		8	135	96	123	123	No	No
Philadelphia	Billie Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	4		5	4	6	6		15			7		9	56	48	42	42	Yes	No
Pisgah	J. C. Buff, Casar	3		6	16	12	21	17			17	26	5	5	128	85	93	93	No	No
Pleasant Grove	John Williams, 3980 Main, Hickory		3	7	15	18	11	6		1	27	39	1	2	130	86	55	55	No	No
St. John's	Frank Hoyle, Box 264, Connelly Springs			21	17	17	14			19	17	30			135	116	100	100	No	No
St. Paul	Earl Morrison, R-3, Lawndale			16	18	31	40		30		39	42		6	236	150	127	129	No	No
Shoup's Grove	Clyde Houston, Box 3, Icard		25	31	22	25	20	14	44		17		5	4	237	152	110	110	Yes	No
Smart's Grove	Elbert Cook, R-1, Valdese		1	7	8	14	10	8	4		7	43		2	125	85	64	64	No	No
South Fork	Eugene Propst, R-4, Hickory		9	9	10	17	11				17	20	2	3	111	76	89	89	Yes	No
Walker's Chapel	Horace Hudson, R-4, Morganton		10	14	12	20	41		45			16		2	188	120	54	54		
Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, R-4, Hickory		20	16	21	24	12	19			34	28	7	6	187	112	109	109	Yes	No
Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs		5	38	32	24	26	11	10		24	85		8	259	191	109	109	Yes	No
Zoar	J. C. White, R-1, Casar			9	8	13	10	12			7	25		1	84	62	66	66	No	No

Table C TRAINING UNION

Associational Director: Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs

Churches	Training Union Directors and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Youth Week?
Berea	Boyd Wilson, R-2, Connelly Springs	26	10	17	29	27	17	18	8	16	4	172	99	Yes
Beulah	Mrs. Virginia Rhoney, R-3, Vale		7		10	8	17		18			60	40	Yes
Midway	Howard Shipman, 704 10th St., Hickory			8	17	22				18	2	67	28	No
Mt. Hebron	Alfred Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	3		13	14	6	4		20	12	2	74	60	Yes
Mt. Vernon	Vester Shull, R-3, Vale		8	6	25	24				35		98	59	No
Mt. Zion	Sam Proctor, R-1, Lawndale		8	10	9	3	9		8		5	52	40	Yes
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Leonard Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs	2	8	2	9	6	3		16	13	3	62	56	Yes
Olive Grove					10	8			5		4	27	18	No
Pisgah	Gene Canipe, R-1, Casar			9	7	11	6			16	2	51	30	No
St. Paul	Worth Willis, R-1, Casar		5	12	29	24		11	22		2	105	33	No
Shoup's Grove	Billy Decker, R-2, Connelly Springs				31			27	22		2	82	74	Yes
South Fork	Leonard Greenhill, Hildebran	6	6	11	10	9		7		11		62		Yes
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Tessie Wright, R-4, Hickory	3	3	9	22	16	6			11	6	80	44	Yes
Zion Hill	Warren Yancey, R-3, Lawndale			20	12	9	16		16		2	73	41	Yes
Zoar	Luther McDaniel, Box 84, Casar			7	12	7	8			13		47	39	No
Henry River	Clyde Martin, Hildebran	5		6	10	8				27	2	56	37	No

Associational Music Director: Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Connelly Springs, R-2

Churches	Minister of Music or Choir Director of Churches	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adult	General Officers	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	Name of Hymnal Used In Auditorium
Abee's Chapel	Ronda Crawford, R-1, Valdese								Broadman
Berea	Virgil Buff, Hildebran						14		Broadman
Beulah	L. E. Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs								Broadman
Carswell Memorial	Paul Carswell, R-6, Morganton								
Corinth	Joe White, R-1, Casar								Broadman
Drowning Creek	O. L. Tolbert, Box 136, R-5, Hickory								Broadman
Grace & Truth	Carolyn VanHorn, R-4, Hickory								Favorite Songs & Hymns
Hildebran View	Betty Walker, Icard								
Midway	C. P. Sain, 1026 41st St., Hickory								Broadman
Mt. Calvary	Joyce Hildebran, R-4, Hickory								Church Hymnal
Mt. Gilead	Edna Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs								Favorite Songs & Hymns
Mt. Hebron	Jane Harrington, Schaefer Hall, L.-R. Col., Hickory						20	20	Baptist
Mt. Vernon	Omar Hoyle, R-2, Vale								Broadman
Mt. Zion	Glen Parker, Casar								Broadman
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Box 255, Valdese								Broadman
Oak Ridge	Larry Abernathy, R-4, Hickory						26	15	Baptist
Olive Grove	Junior Crotts, R-1, Casar								Favorite Hymns
Philadelphia	Mrs. Margie Hildebran, R-1, Connelly Springs								Broadman
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar								Broadman
Pleasant Grove	Hubert Lindsay, R-4, Morganton								Favorite Songs & Hymns
St. John's	Jinks Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs								Heavenly Highways
St. Paul	C. W. Cooke, R-1, Casar								Broadman
Shoup's Grove		5	4	9	11	2	31	28	Broadman
Smart's Grove	Reba Cook, Valdese								Heavenly Highways
South Fork	Thelma Hildebran, R-4, Hickory								Broadman
Walker's Chapel	Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs								Church Hymnal
Wilkie's Grove	Barbara Young, R-4, Hickory								Baptist
Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-3, Vale								Broadman
Zoar	Conley Lail, R-3, Lawndale								Heavenly Highways

Table E BROTHERHOOD WORK

Associational Brotherhood President: Delbert Walker, Fallston

Churches	Presidents Men's Brotherhoods	Chairmen R.A. Committees	No. Junior R.A. Chapters	Junior R.A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R.A. Chapters	Intermediate R.A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enrolment	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	Grand Total Enrolment
Abee's Chapel	Max Lowman, R-1, Box 186, Valdese	Robert Carswell, R-1, C. Springs	1	18	1	7	25	34	54	59
Beulah	Carrell Pruitt, R-3, Vale	R. J. Whisnant, R-3, Vale	5		5		5	16	16	21
Drowning Creek	Bobby Keener, R-3, Hickory							8	8	8
Midway	Ben Raby								15	15
Mt. Hebron		Alfred Lowman, R-1, C. Springs	1	11						11
Mt. Vernon	J. A. Burton, R-2, Vale	Blair Wesson, R-2, Vale	1	18			18	14	14	32
Mull's Chapel	Lloyd Young, R-1, Connelly Springs									
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	James Southards, Jr., C. Springs	1	15			15	32	32	47
Pisgah	Earsel Roberson, R-1, Casar	Gene Canipe, R-1, Casar			1	15	15	6	6	21
St. John's	Jerry Reynolds, R-1, Connelly Springs	Clyde Noggle, R-1, C. Springs				11		12	12	23
Shoup's Grove	Eugene Houston, R-2, Icard	Leroy Childers, R-2, C. Springs		10	7	17	17	16	16	33
South Fork	George Morgan, Icard	Alfred Crow, Hildebran		8		8	8	7	7	15
Wilkie's Grove	Walter Brittain, R-4, Hickory							12	12	12

Table F WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational President: Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, R-4, Morganton

Churches	Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	Sunbeam Units	G.A. Units	Y.W.A. Units	W.M.S. Units	Total Units	Sunbeam Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	W.M.S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Mildred Crawford, R-1, Box 110, Valdese		1		1	2		24		34	58	
Berea	Mrs. Boyd Wilson, R-2, Connelly Springs			1	1	2			8	19	27	15
Beulah	Mrs. E. O. Bustle, Jonas Ridge		1		1	2		15		15	30	6
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Margaret Smith, R-6, Box 741, Morganton		1		1	2		6		15	21	5
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Nancy Franklin, R-4, Hickory		1		1	2		13		9	22	7
Midway	Mrs. Grady McCurry, 1039 41st St., Hickory		1	1	1	3		14	12	15	41	20
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Edsel Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs		1	1	1	3		12	7	10	29	10
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Paul Crotts, R-3, Vale	1	2		1	4	22	26		35	83	11
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lloyd Young, R-1, Connelly Springs		1		1	2		7		9	16	
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Harold Whitener, R-2, Connelly Springs	1	1	1	1	4	13	11	10	18	52	30
Pisgah	Mrs. J. C. Buff, Casar	1	1		1	3	10	10		11	31	6
St. John's	Mrs. Hazel Gantt, R-1, Connelly Springs		1		1	2		15		18	33	
St. Paul	Mrs. R. P. Willis, R-3, Lawndale				1	1				12	12	7
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Betty Johnson, Box 363, Icard		1		1	2		6		17	23	15
South Fork	Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Hildebran		1		1	2		18		14	32	14
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Javan Keller, R-1, Connelly Springs		1		1	2		11		10	21	2
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. C. T. Stephens, Jr., R-4, Box 312, Hickory		1	1	1	3		14	9	11	34	21
Zion Hill	Mrs. William Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs				1	1				21	21	3
Henry River	Mrs. Nancy Mayes, Hildebran				1	1				7	7	

Table G BUILDING GOALS FOR COMING YEAR — SPECIAL INFORMATION

Churches	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, Material, and Equipment	Total Church Debt At End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year
Abee's Chapel		55,000	735	12,110		
Berea		45,000	6,661	22,454	10	
Beulah		20,000	859			
Carswell Memorial		12,000			5	65
Corinth		20,000	7,000			
Drowning Creek		10,272	426			60
Grace and Truth		2,000	100			36
Henry River	6,814	31,302				
Hildebran View		4,000	800			
Midway		19,000	1,212	4,552		
Mt. Calvary		14,000	380	1,950		
Mt. Gilead		13,000		50		
Mt. Hebron	5,000	25,000			7	65
Mt. Vernon	15,000	31,500	8,000		10	169
Mt. Zion		12,000				
Mull's Chapel		42,000	2,042	336	10	
Oak Ridge	7,500	55,000	3,180	24,028	10	100
Olive Grove		10,000				
Philadelphia		10,000	977	1,325		
Pisgah	12,000	35,000			1	15
Pleasant Grove		6,000	2,700			
St. John's		10,000		1,746		
St. Paul		34,000			4	
Shoup's Grove	7,000	30,000	424	5,824	15	
Smart's Grove		5,000				
South Fork	4,000	10,000	807	780	2	156
Walker's Chapel		9,500				
Wilkie's Grove		45,000			3½	
Zion Hill		45,000				

Associational Treasurer: Miss Doris Upton, R-2, Vale

Churches	Treasurers and Addresses	Total Receipts For All Purposes	Grand Total Expenditures For All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Other Church Staff Salaries	Other Local Expenses	Grand Total Local Expenses
Abee's Chapel	Glen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese	9,996	9,544	2,600	618	735	3,953
Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs	10,900	11,499	3,900		6,661	10,561
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 290 1st Ave., Hickory	3,834	3,964	1,940	240	1,607	3,787
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. J. E. Lindsay, R-4, Morganton	2,802	3,107	1,035	222	1,364	2,621
Corinth	C. S. Botts, R-1, Casar	5,240	9,380	1,145	142	7,846	9,133
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Marie Tolbert, Box 136, R-5, Hickory	2,647	2,449	1,200	197	1,175	2,572
Grace & Truth	Mrs. Dovie Baker, Gen. Del., Hildebran	3,628	115			30	30
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, R-4, Hickory	7,004	7,220	3,900		1,428	5,328
Hildebran View	Berthie Pruett, R-1, Connelly Springs		1,950	1,040	300	800	2,140
Midway	Carl Odom, Box 455, Hildebran	6,159	5,818	3,270	345	2,075	5,690
Mt. Calvary	Clay Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	2,800		600		2,000	2,600
Mt. Gilead	Sanford McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs		649	274		338	612
Mt. Hebron	Eugene McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs	11,930	9,917	3,900	481	4,003	8,384
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	7,562	6,988	3,900	364	1,461	5,725
Mt. Zion	Sam Proctor, R-1, Lawndale		2,403	1,200	120		1,320
Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, Box 66, Hickory	4,318	4,679	1,017		3,193	4,210
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	10,993	14,590	4,190	631	8,927	13,748
Olive Grove	Grady Brackett, R-1, Casar	2,558	2,558	1,200	562	639	2,401
Philadelphia	Mrs. Helen Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs	2,380	2,356	621	28	586	1,235
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	5,447	6,503	2,635	370	3,055	6,060
Pleasant Grove	James Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs	4,435	3,780	585	120	3,017	3,722
St. John's	Glen Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs	4,534	3,939	1,770	240	1,830	3,840
St. Paul	Alvin Cooke, R-1, Lawndale	7,128	7,087	2,080	815	2,792	5,687
Shoup's Grove	J. A. Berry, Jr., R-2, Connelly Springs	9,765	9,709	3,120	360	4,817	8,297
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Maggie Cook, R-1, Valdese	2,827	2,992	1,920	180	442	2,542
South Fork	Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, R-4, Hickory	4,742	4,814	2,600	180	1,587	4,367
Walker's Chapel	Shub Carswell, R-4, Morganton	5,160		2,307	636	371	3,314
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Edith Martin, R-4, Hickory	5,510	5,510	2,682	357	1,950	4,989
Zion Hill	Mrs. Harlan Smith, 410 Old Shelby Rd.-Morganton	6,976	6,288	2,874	375	2,564	5,813
Zoar	Everett Costner, Box 17, Casar	2,705	2,531	960	360	120	1,440

Table I MISSION EXPENDITURES

Associational Missionary: S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs

Churches	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Designated Association	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Designated Christian Education, Schools	Designated Children's Homes	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects Bible Society, Homes For Aged	Total Mission Expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Leroy Lowman, R-1, Box 22, Valdese		30	25	25	50	167	50	50	50	447
Berea	Mrs. Viola Bryant, R-1, Connelly Springs	227	125	60	76	220		130	100		938
Beulah	Mrs. Hettie Willis, R-1, Connelly Springs		60		10				25		95
Carswell Memorial	Celia Carswell, R-4, Morganton	65	65	25	25	17		48	65		310
Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar	138						76	8	28	250
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Hettie Kirby, Box 220, R-5, Hickory		60	12	12			12	15		111
Grace & Truth	Mrs. Dovie Baker, Hildebran		36						10	5	51
Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Henry River				131	1,761					1,892
Hildebran View	Ivey Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs				50				10		60
Midway	Mrs. Roland Wright, R-2, Connelly Springs				6	10	92				108
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Irene Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs								50	85	135
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Ruth Parker, R-4, Morganton	8						10	19		37
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ray McDowell, R-1, Connelly Springs	767	65	14	76	184	310	52	52	12	1,532
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	697	195	50	59	115	17	57	68	6	1,264
Mt. Zion	R. H. Hunt, R-1, Casar	225					5		38	10	278
Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, R-1, Connelly Springs	268	48			44			62		422
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Larry Abernethy, R-4, Hickory	307		45	44	183		64	100		743
Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, R-1, Casar	25	15				16	45	37	19	157
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sallie Reep, R-1, Connelly Springs			14					35		49
Pisgah	Mrs. Austin Pruett, Casar	57		50	23	93		125	50	15	413
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Delbert Walker, R-1, Connelly Springs					17		10	31		58
St. John's	Lillie Huffman, Box 129, R-1, Connelly Sprgs.				5	10					15
St. Paul	R. A. Brackett, R-3, Lawndale	250	240	131	75	130		80	181	314	1,401
Shoup's Grove	Carolyn Powell, Box 67, Icard	682	130	8	19	30	5	25	34	21	954
Smart's Grove	Alberta Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs					115			50		165
South Fork	Mrs. Edna Miller, Box 95, Icard	12	78	51	74	50		14	25	27	331
Walker's Chapel	Mrs. Laura Huffman, R-4, Morganton	5		37	45	172	18	24	35	5	341
Wilkie's Grove	Mrs. Mavis Fortenberry, R-4, Hickory	194	60	57		63		38	64	47	523
Zion Hill	Mrs. E. B. Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs	105	120	51	25	50	10	50	46	18	475
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